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Introduction

The PIX 220 and PIX 240 are highly advanced video recorders which can record digital video signals from SDI or HDMI sources to an internal 2.5" drive or CompactFlash (CF) card. These recorders can also record very high quality audio simultaneously with the video to industry-standard Quicktime (.mov) files. Quicktime files can be edited with all major video editing programs.

The PIX recorders compress the incoming video signals using the popular Apple ProRes or Avid DNxHD codecs at up to 10 bit, 4:2:2 sampling. Both codecs offer excellent video quality in a "ready to edit" file, not requiring transcoding while importing video.

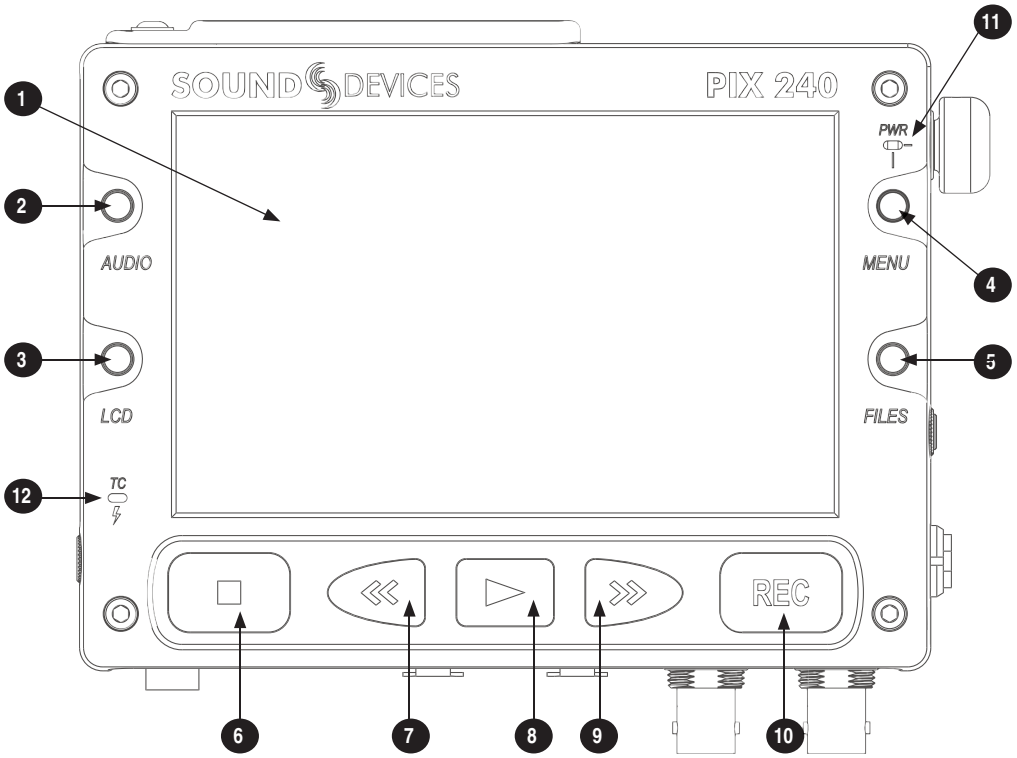
The PIX 240 features both SDI and HDMI inputs and outputs. The PIX 220 has HDMI input and output only. The PIX 240 offers a full built-in Ambient® Lockit Timecode Generator/Reader, AES/EBU audio inputs, and provisions to connect to an external, stand-alone eSATA hard drive.

Manual Conventions

This documentation addresses both the PIX 220 and PIX 240 video recorders. Several formatting features have been included to make navigating the guide easier.

- Lighter (orange) text indicates information that applies only to the PIX 240.
- Setup Menu items are indicated with this text: **Menu Category ➧ Parameter**, where the menu category is one of the items in the list displayed when the Menu button is pushed, and the parameter is an item in the list displayed when that category is selected (by pushing in on the Control Knob).
- Terms that refer to specific controls or functions (such as Control Knob, Menu Button, Setup Menu, etc) are capitalized. These terms are described elsewhere in this user guide (see the Panel Descriptions section).
- *Blue italicized* text references sections of the user guide containing contextually relevant information.

Front Panel Descriptions



1) **LCD Display**
Displays operating information when the On-Screen Display (OSD) is active (*see On-Screen Display*), user interface, source video, and playback video. 5-inch display; 800x480 resolution.

2) **Audio Button**
Displays the Audio View. From the Audio View, all audio inputs levels can be monitored and input levels can be controlled.

3) **LCD Button**
Toggles the On Screen Display.

4) **Menu Button**
Displays the Setup Menu.

5) **Files Button**
Displays the File Browser Screen.

6) **Stop Button**
Stops an active recording. Also stops video playback.

7) **Rewind Button**
Pressing once during playback reverses playback at 2x realtime speed. Subsequent presses switch to 4x and 8x realtime speed. When playback is paused each press of the Rewind Button steps back one frame.

8) **Play Button**
Plays the most recently recorded file when pressed. In the File List View, plays the selected video file from the File List. Pauses video during playback.

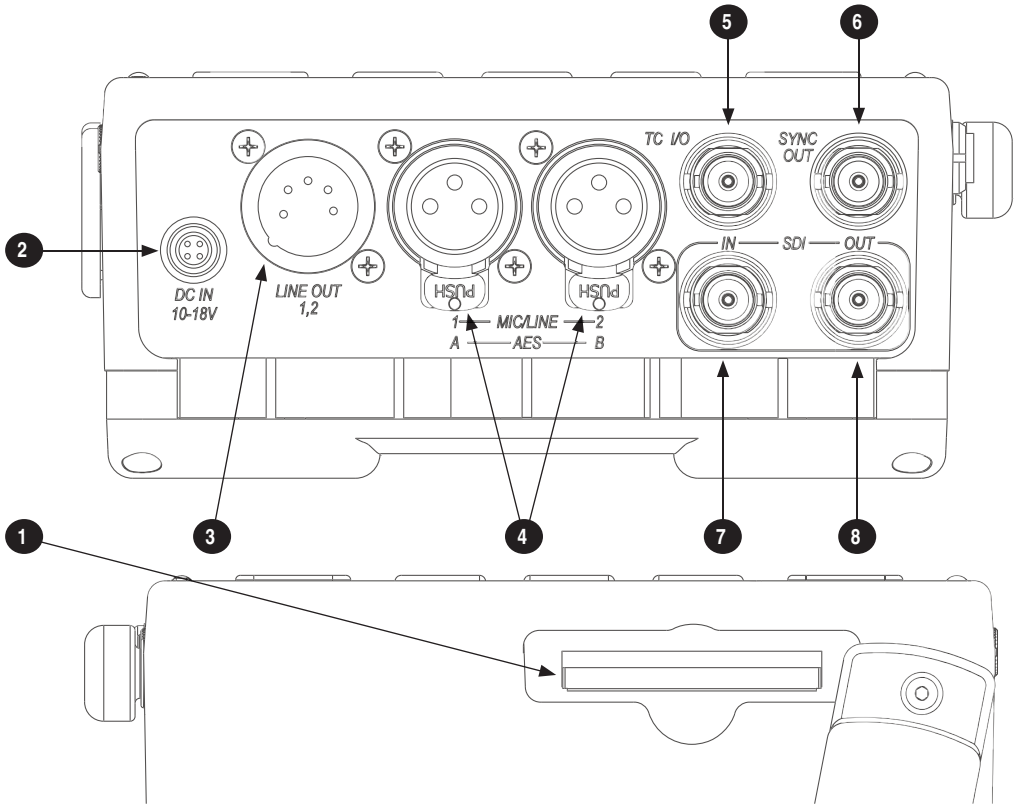
9) **Fast-Forward Button**
Pressing once during playback increases playback speed to 2x realtime speed. Subsequent presses switch to 4x and 8x realtime speed. When playback is paused each press of the Fast-Forward Button steps forward one frame.

10) **Record Button**
Begins recording. *Optional*: Splits the recording and begins writing a new file when pressed while recording. (**System ➧ Rec Button File Split**)

11) **Power LED**
Hold the Menu button down, then press the Control Knob to power on the unit.

12) **Time Code / Charge LED**
Flashing green: Accurate timecode is maintained by internal Li-Ion battery.
Flashing amber: battery charging. (Timecode display has precedence)
Alternating Amber / Green: Fault with internal timecode battery.
Solid Red (when PIX is powered up): Timecode has been reset back to zero and needs to be re-jammed due to PIX power being off for more than 2 hours.

Top and Bottom Panel Descriptions



1) **CompactFlash Slot**
Insert CompactFlash media with the label-side up. Visit *www.sounddevices.com/approved* for an up-to-date list of tested and approved cards.

2) **External DC Input (Hirose 4-pin)**
Accepts 10–18 volts DC. Hirose 4-pin connector is wired pin-1 negative (-), pin-4 positive (+). Pin-2 (-) and pin-3 (+) must be connected in parallel to pins 1 and 4 respectively to charge attached Li-ion batteries. The included XL-WPH3 power supply provides positive DC on pins 3 and 4 and negative DC on pins 1 and 2.

3) **Audio Output - 5-pin XLR**
Two channels of active, balanced, line-level output. Source selected in the Audio Menu.

4) **Audio Inputs - 3-pin XLR**
Active, balanced, analog microphone or line level inputs. PIX 240 only: can be switched to accept AES digital input, channels.

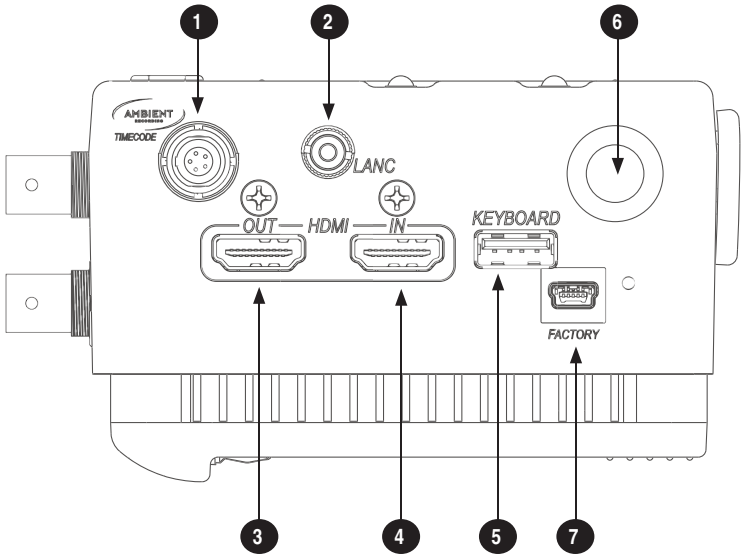
5) **Timecode BNC**
Selectable timecode input or output. Configured with **Video ➧ Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode BNC** menu item.

6) **Sync Output BNC**
Selectable genlock or wordclock output. Configured with Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Sync Out**.

7) **SDI Input BNC**
HD-SDI video input. Accepts SMPTE 292M (HD-SDI) signal with up to 8 channels of embedded audio.

8) **SDI Output BNC**
HD-SDI video output. Outputs SMPTE 292M (HD-SDI) signal with up to 8 channels of embedded audio.

Right Panel Descriptions



1) **Time Code I/O LEMO-5**
Time code input and output on 5-pin LEMO® connector.

2) **LANC - 2.5 mm**
2.5 mm female connector for a standard LANC (Control-L) remote. Supports record start and stop. Can also be configured as a GPIO switch closure and used to drive an LED for record tally. *See LANC*

3) **HDMI Output**
Outputs HDMI video with up to 8 channels of embedded audio.

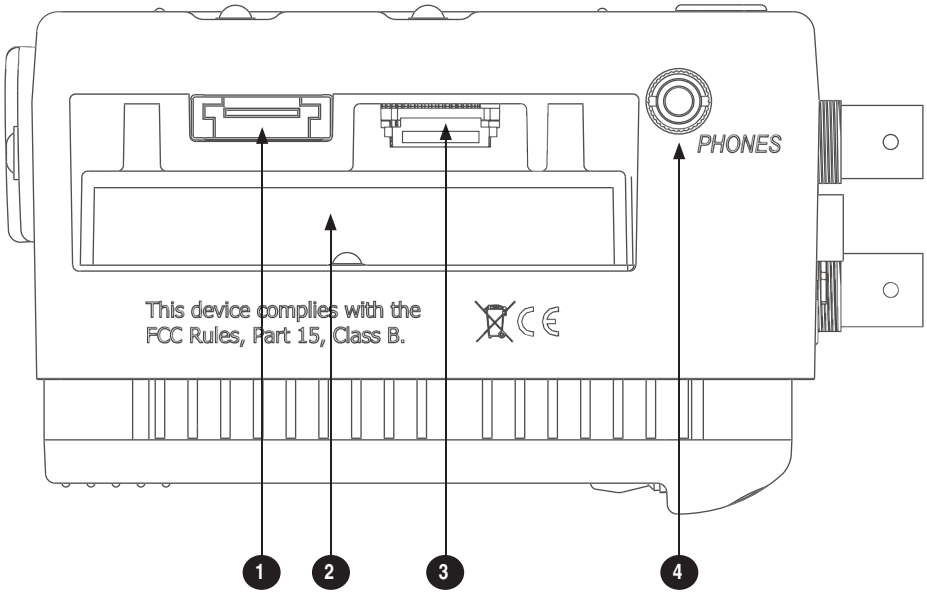
4) **HDMI Input**
Accepts HDMI (1.4a) signal with two channels of embedded audio. The PIX does not record or display content encoded with HDCP copy protection.

5) **Keyboard - USB A**
USB A female connector to connect a USB keyboard. Keyboards with integrated USB hubs are not compatible.

6) **Control Knob**
The Control Knob can be both turned and pressed. Use the Control Knob to navigate between menu settings and to select menu items. Pressing during playback will toggle pause / play. Turning while playback is paused will step forward or backward by single frames.

7) **Factory Programming Port**
Factory use only. No user connection.

Left Panel Descriptions



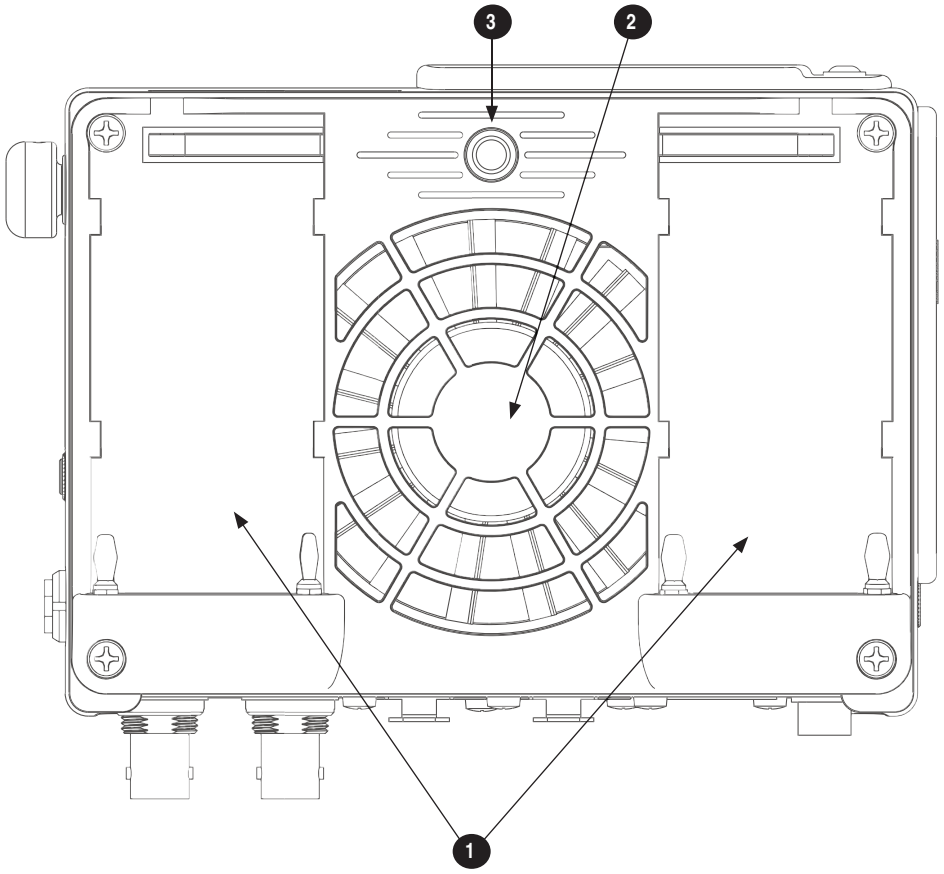
1) **eSATAp External Drive Connector**
Connection for portable, bus-powered drives. Also compatible with (non-powered) eSATA to connect to large capacity drives. Visit *www.sounddevices.com/approved* for an up-to-date list of tested and approved storage devices.

2) **Drive Bay**
Insert an approved 2.5-in drive mounted to a PIX-CADDY into the Drive Bay. When not in use, keep covered with the supplied rubber grommet. Drives can be hot-swapped if the drive is not being accessed for recording or playback.

3) **SATA PIX-CADDY Connector**
High-reliability eSATAp connection designed to mate with the PIX-CADDY.

4) **Headphone Output - 3.5 mm**
TRS stereo headphone connector. Can drive headphones from 8 to 100 ohms to very high headphone levels. Headphone volume is controlled by holding down the AUDIO button and turning the Control Knob. Headphone source signal is changed by holding down the AUDIO Button and pressing the Control Knob.

Rear Panel Descriptions



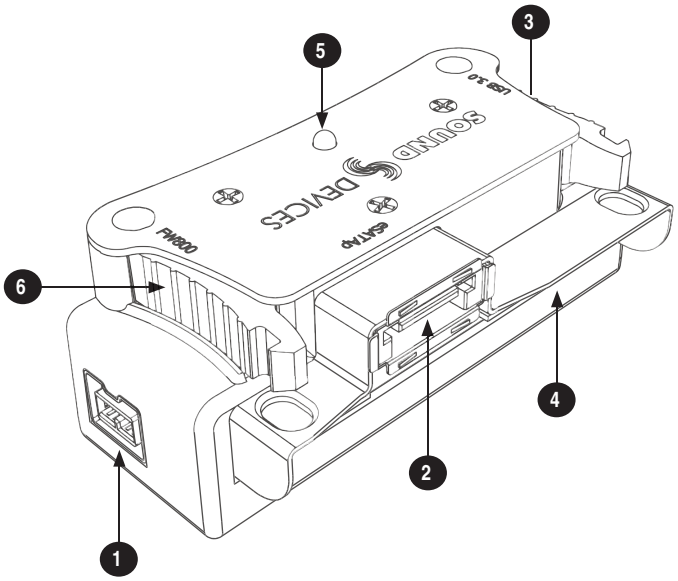
1) **Battery Mounts**
Accepts Sony® InfoLithium L-Series batteries. Also accepts third party batteries compatible with the Sony mount.

2) **Fan**
Whisper-quiet, low-speed, single, large diameter fan. Runs continuously.

3) **Mounting Point - ¼ - 20**
Stainless-steel threaded attachment point.

PIX-CADDY (Optional)

The PIX-CADDY is a recommended accessory to record video files to approved 2.5″ drives. When removed from a PIX 220 or PIX 240, PIX-CADDY operates as a high-speed drive interface to Mac OS and Windows computers.



1) **FireWire 800**
FireWire 800 or 400 (backward compatible). Requires a powered FireWire 800 or 400 port.

2) **eSATAp**
High-speed data transfer over 5V eSATAp. Requires a 5V powered eSATAp port.

3) **USB 3.0**
High-speed data transfer over USB 3.0 (backward compatible with USB 2.0).

4) **2.5″ Drive Slot**
Connector for approved 2.5-inch SATA II (3.0 gb/s) drives. Sound Devices maintains a list of tested and approved SSD drives for use with PIX video recorders. Visit *www.sounddevices.com/approved* for an up-to-date list of tested and approved drives.

5) **Activity LED**
Illuminates when recording, playing, reading, or writing to the attached 2.5″ drive. Do not remove the caddy while the Activity LED is illuminated. *LED does not illuminate when connected to a computer's eSATA port.*

6) **Release Latches**
Secures the PIX-CADDY to the recorder. Press both latches to remove the caddy assembly.

Powering

The PIX 220 and PIX 240 are powered from either removable, Li-ion rechargeable batteries or external DC. One or two removable 7.2 V Li-ion batteries can be mounted to the recorder and used as either primary or backup power. The PIX automatically chooses the power source based on the voltage level of the external power supply. If the external voltage falls below the level of attached Li-ion batteries, the unit will transition to Li-ion power. The transition between external and removable battery powering is seamless and has no affect on recording or playback operation.

Removable Li-Ion Batteries

PIX recorders are compatible with Sony L-Series Li-ion rechargeable batteries. Several power capacities are available in this battery type, ranging from 1000 mAh to 7000 mAh. Larger amp-hour batteries provide more run-time.

One or two L-Series batteries can be attached to the rear panel. When two batteries are attached, they operate in parallel. A second battery increases run time and both batteries will drain evenly. Batteries can be hot-swapped for continuous recording.

When powered by the removable Li-ion battery the LCD displays the battery voltage of each battery. The nominal operating voltage for Li-ion batteries is 7.2 V, with operating voltages ranging between 6.8–8.5 V. When the total voltage drops to 6.9 V, the voltage display on the LCD will begin flashing red and the power LED will also flash red to warn that the battery is nearly depleted. When the voltage reaches 6.8 volts the recorder powers down—any recording in-process will automatically close (stop).

Li-Ion Battery Charging

When power is supplied to the PIX recorder on pins 1, 2 (-), and pins 3, 4 (+) of the External DC Input and the PIX recorder is powered off, the recorder will charge attached Li-ion batteries. The included XL-WPH3 power supply will charge Li-ion batteries when the recorder is powered down.

The optional XL-AB accessory cable can be used to power a PIX recorder from an Anton Bauer D-Tap connector. The XL-AB will not charge attached Li-ion batteries. Make certain that the Anton Bauer battery can supply enough power for both camera and the PIX recorder.

Menu and Navigation

Main View

The Main View displays the live or playback video and the On-screen Display. the Main View is the default view which appears when no other views or menus are selected.

On-screen Display

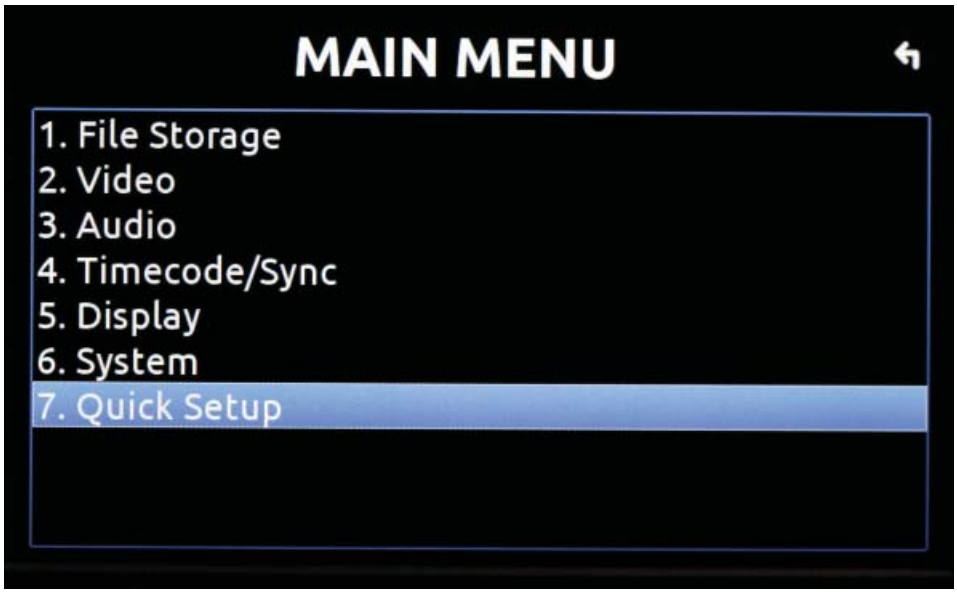
The On-screen Display (OSD) provides information superimposed over the Main View. From the Main View, the LCD button will toggle the OSD on and off. Items included in the OSD are configured with the Setup Menu option **Display**. When factory settings are loaded from the **Quick Setup** menu item, all OSD items are shown.

On-screen Display Menu

Item	Description
1. ABS Time	Absolute Time: Total time of an active video recording.
2. File Codec	The presently selected video codec.
3. File Name	Name of the current file. Pressing STOP shows the next file name.
4. File Resolution/Rate	Resolution and frame rate of the file being recorded or played.
5. Audio Input	Currently selected source and channel count of audio input.
6. Video Input	Currently selected resolution and frame rate of the video input.
7. Headphone Source	Current headphone routing.
8. Metering	Levels of audio inputs 1 and 2.
9. Ext. DC Status	Voltage level of external DC power.
10. Battery Status	Voltage level of attached L-Series batteries.
11. Time/Date	The current time and date.
12. Timecode	Current timecode value an frame rate of the recorder or playing video file.
13. SSD/CF Status	Remaining record time of each media (when video input is present) or remaining space in GB (when no video input is present) or “Offline” (when no media is present) or “Mounting” (when media is becoming ready). Asterisk indicates target recording media.

Menu

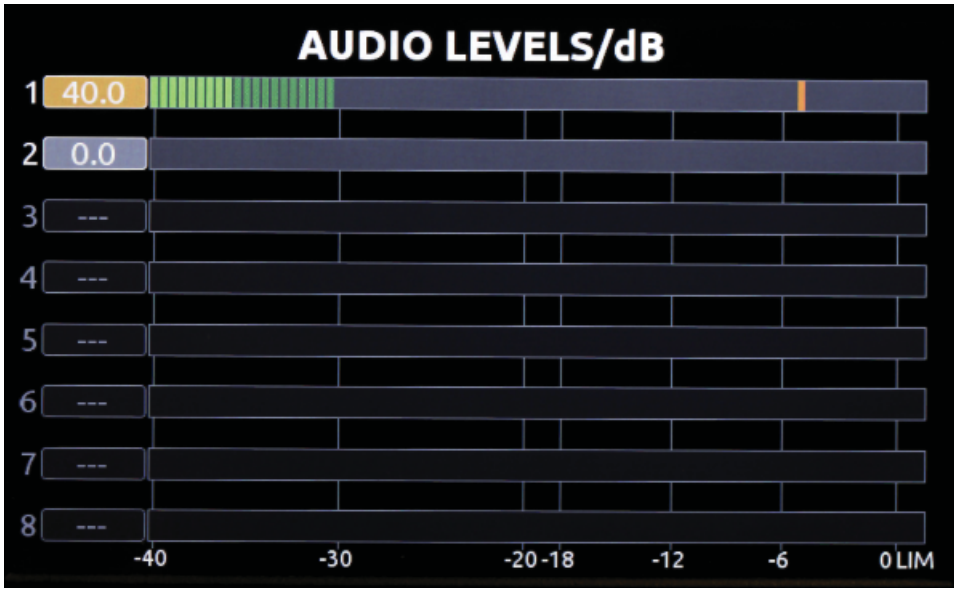
Press the MENU button (keyboard: F1) to enter the Setup Menu. The Setup Menu controls settings for file storage, video, audio, time code/sync, system, and display. Navigate between menu items by turning the Control Knob and pressing it to select. When in a menu, press the MENU button to go back to the previous screen. *See Setup Menu Options* for a complete list of all available options.



Audio

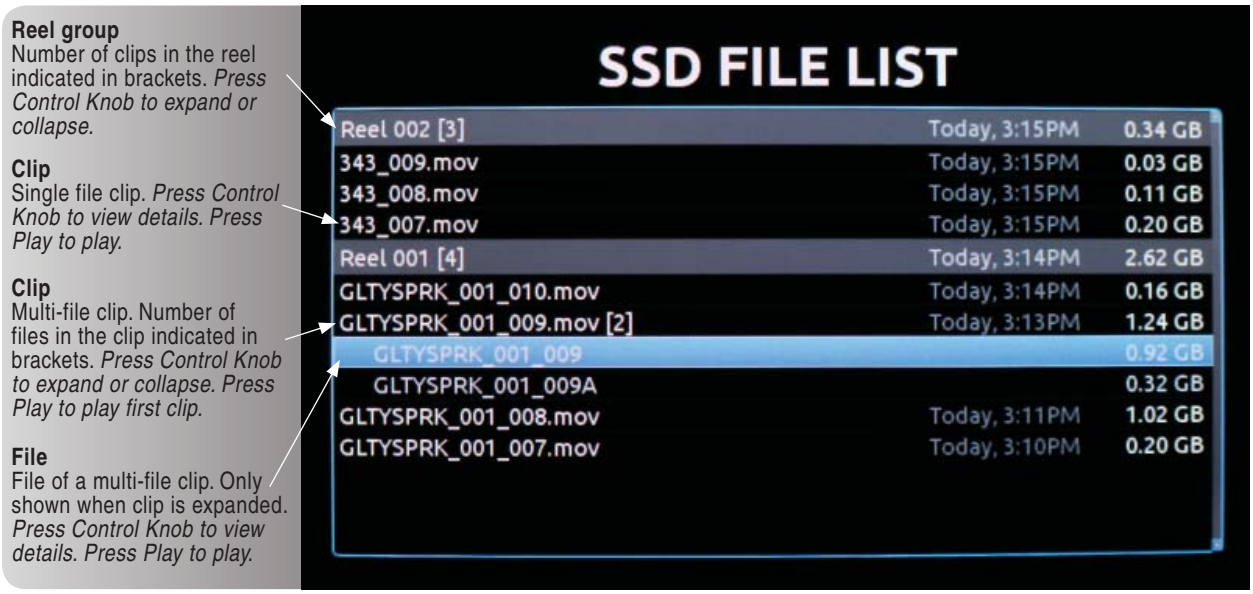
Press the AUDIO button (keyboard: F3) to enter the Audio Metering and Gain control screen. From this screen, the level for both analog (XLR mic/line) and digital (XLR AES, HDMI, or SDI) audio inputs can be adjusted. Turn the Control Knob to select between audio tracks, press the Control Knob to select a track, then turn the Control Knob to adjust the input gain for that track. *see Audio Inputs*

Press and hold the AUDIO button, and then turn the Control Knob to adjust the headphone level. Press and hold the AUDIO button, and then push the Control Knob to cycle through signal source for the headphones. *see Audio Outputs*



Files

Press the FILE button (keyboard: F2) to display the File List; A list of all of the clips (grouped by reel) on the selected storage media. Turn the Control Knob to highlight an item. Press Play to start play back of the highlighted clip.


Reel group
Number of clips in the reel indicated in brackets. Press Control Knob to expand or collapse.
Clip
Single file clip. Press Control Knob to view details. Press Play to play.
Clip
Multi-file clip. Number of files in the clip indicated in brackets. Press Control Knob to expand or collapse. Press Play to play first clip.
File
File of a multi-file clip. Only shown when clip is expanded. Press Control Knob to view details. Press Play to play.
SSD FILE LIST
Reel 002 [3] Today, 3:15PM 0.34 GB
343_009.mov Today, 3:15PM 0.03 GB
343_008.mov Today, 3:15PM 0.11 GB
343_007.mov Today, 3:15PM 0.20 GB
Reel 001 [4] Today, 3:14PM 2.62 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_010.mov Today, 3:14PM 0.16 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_009.mov [2] Today, 3:13PM 1.24 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_009 0.92 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_009A 0.32 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_008.mov Today, 3:11PM 1.02 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_007.mov Today, 3:10PM 0.20 GB

Push the Control Knob to perform functions based on which item is highlighted:

Highlighted Item	Result of Pressing Control Knob
Reel group. Indicated by a grey background (when not highlighted) and a number in brackets that indicates the amount of clips in the reel.	Expands a list of clips that are within the Reel.
A **Clip** that consists of multiple files. Indicated by the filename with a .mov extension and number in brackets that indicates the amount of files that the clip consists of.	Expands a sub-list of the files that are within the clip.
A **Clip** that consists of one file or a **File** within a sub-list of a multi-file clip. Indicated by the filename with .mov extension	Opens the File Details view where various details of the file can be viewed and the file can be deleted. *See File Management and Metadata*

The selected drive (SSD or CF) is displayed on the top of the screen. To switch between viewing files on CF and SSD media, scroll to the top of the list until the yellow box appears with the text "View CF" or "View SSD". Push the Control Knob to access the File List for the selected media. *see File Management*

LCD

From the Main View, the LCD button will toggle the On-Screen Display (OSD) on or off. From any other view, the LCD button will return to the Main View.

To adjust the brightness of the LCD display and illuminated transport buttons hold down the LCD button, then press the Control Knob. The Brightness Control Panel will appear. The Brightness Control Panel shows adjustments for the LCD brightness and the button backlight brightness. Turn the Control Knob to adjust the slider for the highlighted (yellow) parameter and push the Control Knob to select between the parameters.

Video Inputs

The PIX 240 accepts SDI or HDMI video; the PIX 220 only accepts HDMI video. Both recorders will accept either high-definition or standard-definition rates. Since the PIX recorders do not record standard-definition rates, if using these resolution/rates, they need to be up-converted to high-definition rates for recording.

PIX recorders do not accept analog video signals. See the specifications section for a complete list of supported frame rates.

HDMI

The PIX 220 and PIX 240 accept HDMI version 1.4a video and audio. Supported video resolutions and rates are listed in the specifications section. Both PIX recorders accept up to 10 bit, 4:2:2 video over HDMI. Two-channel digital audio embedded in the HDMI stream (32 kHz – 192 kHz) is always re-sampled to 48 kHz when connected to a PIX recorder.

720p30/29.97, 720p25, and 720p24/23.976 are not supported on the HDMI input or the HDMI output.

HDCP copy protection prevents direct digital-to-digital copying of copyrighted material. Protected DVDs, Blue-Rays and streaming content with HDCP encryption is not valid content and will be ignored by the PIX recorder.

SDI

The SDI input on the PIX 240 accepts video with embedded audio (up to eight channels) and embedded SMPTE timecode. This connection accepts digital video at 10-bit, with 4:2:2 color sampling. Unlike the HDMI interface, which auto-negotiates rates between devices, what comes out of a camera's SDI output is received by the PIX recorder with no auto-negotiation or sample rate conversion. **The PIX 240 does not support 3G-SDI or dual-link HD-SDI.**

Video Outputs

The video outputs on the PIX recorders contain incoming video when idle and while recording; during playback they contain the playback video. Both HDMI and SDI outputs are active simultaneously on the PIX 240. This allows for conversion from SDI-to-HDMI and HDMI-to-SDI. The video stream contains embedded audio (up to eight tracks) as defined by the Setup Menu option **Audio ➧ Audio Input**. Both the SDI and HDMI outputs contain the same embedded audio.

Except during playback, the resolution and frame rate of the output stream is configured in the Setup Menu option **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate**. During playback, the resolution and frame rate of the output stream is determined by the playing video file.

Timecode and record start and stop flags are included on the SDI output of the PIX 240.

The HDMI outputs of the PIX recorder use the HDMI 1.3a protocol.

Audio Inputs

The PIX recorders accept either two analog audio inputs on XLR connectors or two channels of embedded audio on the HDMI input. The PIX 240 also accepts up to 8 channels of embedded audio on the SDI input and the analog XLR inputs can be switched to accept four channels (two streams) of AES/EBU digital audio.

Analog Audio Inputs

PIX recorders have two high-performance analog audio inputs. These balanced inputs accept either mic- or line-level signals, and include high-pass filters, limiters, 48V phantom power, linking, and M/S matrixing.

Input Low-cut Filters

Setup Menu options: **Audio ➧ Analog 1 Low cut** and **Audio ➧ Analog 2 Low cut**.

Low-cut filters on analog inputs reduce sensitivity to low frequency signals (such as wind noise from a microphone). Signals below the selected frequency are attenuated. The amount of attenuation increases at lower frequencies according to the slope of the low-cut filter. The Setup Menu option **Audio ➧ Low cut Slope** allows adjustment of the slope for both analog inputs.

Input Limiters

Setup Menu option: **Audio ➧ Input Limiter (1,2)**.

Analog inputs incorporate an advanced, analog/DSP-controlled hybrid limiter to prevent input overload. In normal operation and with proper gain settings, the limiters should rarely engage. When activated, limiters prevent unusually high input signal levels from overloading the analog input stage of the preamp.

Limiting activity is indicated by a yellow segment on the right side of the audio meters (both in the Audio View and the Main View). When the yellow segment is visible, limiting is occurring. The Input Limiters are active for both mic- and line-level inputs. When inputs are linked, the limiters are linked.

Input Polarity

Setup Menu options: **Audio ➧ Analog 1 Polarity** and **Audio ➧ Analog 2 Polarity**.

Input Polarity inversion (sometimes referred as phase reverse) can be applied to either analog input. This can be used to rectify incorrectly wired balanced cables, to prevent signal cancellation when a source is dual-miked from opposite directions, or reverse left/right with MS microphone configurations.

Digital Audio Inputs

The PIX 220 and PIX 240 accept digital audio from HDMI, SDI (PIX 240 only), and AES/EBU (PIX 240 only) inputs. All audio is sampled at 48 kHz.

HDMI / SDI Embedded Audio

The PIX 220 and PIX 240 accept two channels of embedded digital audio on the HDMI Video Input. The PIX 240 accepts up to 8 channels of digital audio on its SDI input.

AES3

The PIX 240 accepts AES3 (AES/EBU) digital signals with sampling rates from 32 kHz up to 192 kHz and bit depths up to 24-bits. Files recorded by the PIX 240 are uncompressed 24 bit, with sampling rates of 48 kHz. All digital signals connected to PIX are sampling rate converted to 48 kHz, including signals sent at 48 kHz.

Input Linking

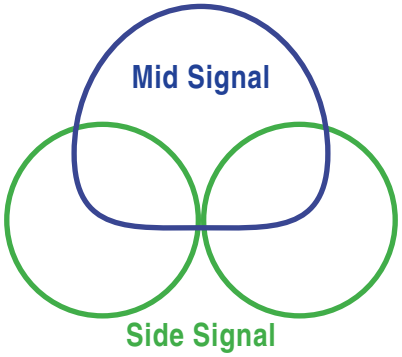
Setup Menu option: **Audio ➧ Input Linking**

Inputs 1-2 can be linked together so that a gain adjustment to one channel will also affect the other (*see Input Level Control*). When inputs 1-2 are linked, the limiters are also linked. 48V phantom power, analog low-cut, and analog polarity settings are set independently for each channel, even when inputs are linked.

Linked inputs are useful when the PIX is receiving a left/right stereo signal on inputs 1 and 2. Examples include stereo program from an external mixer, stereo program from a camera, and microphones oriented in a stereo configuration.

M/S Matrixing

Mid-side (MS) matrixing is a method for processing audio signal from a cardioid microphone and a bidirectional microphone into a stereo signal. The cardioid microphone is the "mid" signal and connects to input 1, and the bidirectional microphone is the "side" signal and connects to input 2. The cardioid microphone is pointed at the sound source, and the bidirectional microphone is oriented sideways (positioned with its capsule as near as possible to the cardioid microphone's capsule). the following diagram shows the relative polar patterns of microphones in an M/S configuration.



To produce a stereo signal from an M/S configuration, the signal from both microphones must be processed. The PIX recorder can perform this processing on inputs 1 and 2 when Setup Menu option **Audio ➧ Input Linking** is set to **1-2MS**.

Choosing Audio Sources

The PIX recorders are capable of recording audio from the two analog audio inputs or digital sources (AES3 or video input). The Setup Menu option **Audio ➧ Audio Input** provides the following options for audio sources:

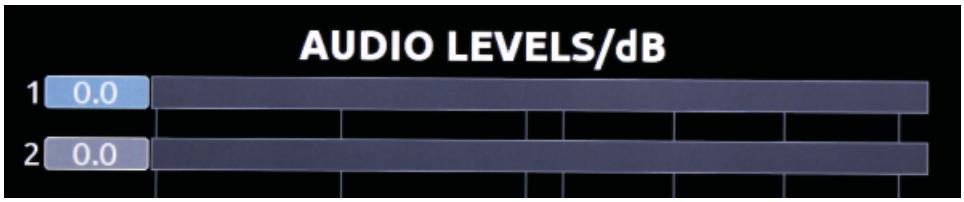
Audio Source	Tracks on Recorded Files and Video Outputs	
Analog XLR	1: Analog Input XLR 1 2: Analog Input XLR 2	
AES (Digital) XLR 1-2ch	1: Channel 1, AES XLR A 2: Channel 2, AES XLR A	
AES (Digital) XLR 1-4ch	1: Channel 1, AES XLR A 2: Channel 2, AES XLR A	3: Channel 1, AES XLR B 4: Channel 2, AES XLR B
SDI/HDMI 2ch	1: Channel 1, HDMI/SDI video input 2: Channel 2, HDMI/SDI video input	
SDI 4ch	1: Channel 1, SDI video input 2: Channel 2, SDI video input	3: Channel 3, SDI video input 4: Channel 4, SDI video input
SDI 6ch	1: Channel 1, SDI video input 2: Channel 2, SDI video input 3: Channel 3, SDI video input	4: Channel 4, SDI video input 5: Channel 5, SDI video input 6: Channel 6, SDI video input
SDI 8ch	1: Channel 1, SDI video input 2: Channel 2, SDI video input 3: Channel 3, SDI video input 4: Channel 4, SDI video input	5: Channel 5, SDI video input 6: Channel 6, SDI video input 7: Channel 7, SDI video input 8: Channel 8, SDI video input
OFF	None	

The selected audio source is included in the HDMI and SDI streams on the Video Outputs of the PIX recorder. *See Audio Outputs*

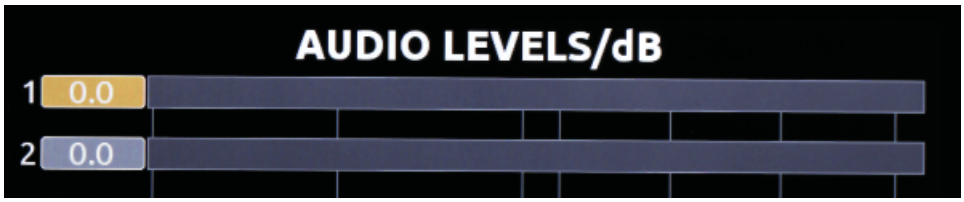
Input Level Control

Input audio gain is adjusted with the Control Knob when in the Audio Menu. The Audio Menu is accessed by pushing the AUDIO Button. The audio channel highlighted yellow is controllable. Turning the Control Knob highlights a different audio input. To adjust the gain of an audio input:

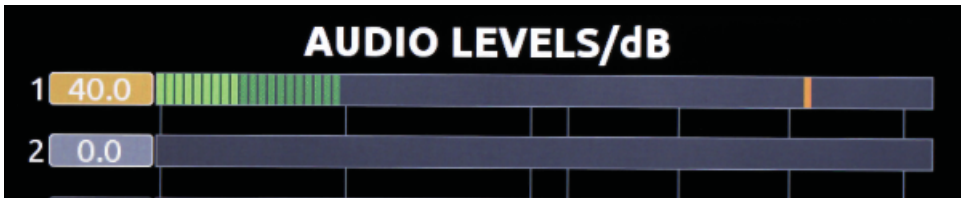
1. Highlight the audio input.



2. Push the Control Knob to enter gain adjustment mode (indicated by a blue highlight)



3. Turn the Control Knob to adjust the gain value up or down. This adjustment will affect gain in real-time.



4. Push the Control Knob to exit the gain control field.

Audio Outputs

Analog 5-Pin XLR Output

The two analog outputs of the PIX recorder are active-balanced, line-level outputs (+18dBu max) on a single, 5-pin XLR connection. At factory default, the source of the analog Outputs is 1 and 2. This can be adjusted in the Setup Menu: **Audio ➧ Output Source - XLR**. The output level of each output can be attenuated (down to -20 dB) in the setup menu: **Audio ➧ Output XLR 1 Attenuation** and **Audio ➧ Output XLR 2 Attenuation**.

Embedded Audio on HDMI and SDI

The Setup Menu parameter **Audio ➧ Audio Input** determines what signal is present on the HDMI and SDI output. This allows for replacement of audio coming in from a camera with audio connected to the recorder.

Headphone Output

The PIX recorder is capable of driving headphones to extremely high sound pressure levels. Hearing experts advise against exposure to high sound pressure levels for extended periods.

The PIX recorder's headphone output is a flexible tool for monitoring audio in the field. The headphone level can be adjusted while in the Main View by pressing and holding the Audio button while turning the Control Knob.

To quickly select amongst headphone sources, Press and hold the Audio button an press the Control Knob to step through headphone source options. The Headphone Source can also be selected in the Setup Menu option **Audio ➧ Headphone Source**.

LCD A/V Alignment

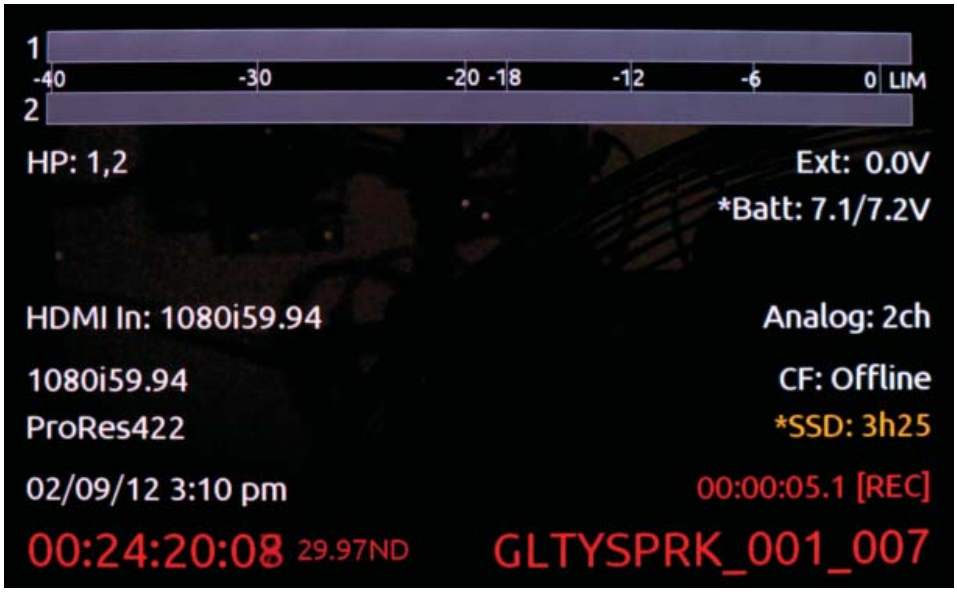
Audio signal is routed to the headphones in real-time. The video displayed on the LCD is delayed slightly. When the Setup Menu option **Audio ➧ Headphone: LCD A/V Align** is set to **On**, the audio signal to the headphones will be delayed slightly to align with the video displayed on the LCD.

Recording

With a valid video signal present at the input, pushing the REC button will start recording. While recording, the REC button will illuminate red and the OSD Items Timecode, File Name, and ABS time turn red. The PIX recorder is a record-priority device and will enter record any time the REC button is pressed, except when playback is occurring (playback must be stopped before a recording can begin).

While recording, the FF, RW, Play, and FILES buttons are disabled. Push the Stop button to stop the recording. During both recording and playback, the MENU and FILES buttons are locked out. When the Setup Menu option **System ➧ REC button File Split** is set to **On**, pushing the REC button during recording will begin a new file. When the recording exceeds the time set in Setup Menu option **System ➧ File Split every**, a new file will be created and grouped with the other files from the clip in the File View (*see File Management and Metadata*).

To discard the last take and delete the file (False take), hold down the Stop button and push the Rewind button. A dialog will appear warning that the last take will be deleted and indicating the file name. Use the Control Knob to highlight OK and push the Control Knob to confirm.



Selecting File Resolution and Frame Rate

The PIX recorders can record video in numerous resolutions and frame rates. The Setup Menu option **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** sets the resolution and frame rate of recorded Quicktime files. This Setup Menu option also determines the resolution and frame rate of the live HDMI and SDI outputs signals, except during playback. The PIX recorder can record Quicktime files in the following resolutions and frame rates:

- 1080 p30
- 1080 p29.97
- 1080 p25
- 1080 p24
- 1080 p23.976
- 1080 i60
- 1080 i59.94
- 1080 i50
- 1080 PsF 30
- 1080 PsF 29.97
- 1080 PsF 25
- 1080 PsF 24
- 1080 PsF 23.976
- 720 p60
- 720 p59.94
- 720 p50
- 720 p30
- 720 p29.97
- 720 p25
- 720 p24
- 720 p23.976

When Setup Menu option **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** is set to **Same as Video Input**, recorded Quicktime files and HDMI and SDI output signals will be of the same resolution and frame rate as the input video signal.

Progressive Segmented Frames (PsF)

Some cameras output video signal in progressive segmented frames (PsF). PsF is a method for transmitting progressive video in an interlaced stream. A device generates PsF signal by splitting each frame into two segments. PsF segments are the same as interlaced fields in that one segment represents the even lines of a frame and the other segment represents the odd lines of a frame. PsF segments differ from interlaced fields in that there is no motion between each segment in a pair.

The PIX will automatically sense PsF signal from most cameras that output PsF over SDI. This is accomplished through the use a flag inserted into the SDI signal by the camera. If a camera does not insert this flag into the SDI stream or if it outputs PsF signal over HDMI, then the PIX setting **Video ➧ Input PsF Detect** can be set to **Interpret 1080i as PsF**. This will force the PIX to treat all 1080i signal as if it were PsF and deinterlace it accordingly.

Selecting a Video Codec

Setup Menu option: **Video ➧ Codec**.

PIX has two families of intra-frame, DCT based codecs available: Apple ProRes and Avid DNxHD, with four levels of data compression available for each. Both codecs are intermediate codecs that assist the editing process by eliminating the need to transcode video before importing into Final Cut (ProRes) or Avid (ProRes or DNxHD).

ProRes is a variable data rate codec; DNxHD is a fixed data rate codec. PIX recorders support all compression levels and bit rates of DNxHD and ProRes and automatically record the correct bit rate dependent upon the video input resolutions and frame rate. The data rates indicated in the Setup Menu item **Video ➧ Codec** indicate the maximum data rate at 1080p30.

DNxHD 36 Mb/s only supports 1080p signal

Interruption of Signal During Recording

In the event that video signal is lost (an unplugged HDMI or SDI cable, for example) during recording, the PIX recorder will pause the recording and wait for video signal to be re-initialized. If video signal is re-initialized within 10 seconds, the PIX recorder will begin recording again to a new file of the same name with an “A” appended to the end. Further interruptions of signal during that take will cause an alphabetic filename progression (“B”, “C”, etc).

Alignment of Audio and Video

An advantage to recording audio on the PIX recorders along with the video is the elimination of audio/video sync problems in post. The PIX recorders have many options regarding audio sources along with the two options for video inputs, HDMI and SDI. Given this flexibility, care must still be taken to ensure good audio/video sync.

If recording camera audio embedded on HDMI or SDI, then the audio/video alignment will be excellent provided the alignment is proper on the camera.

If recording audio using the PIX analog inputs or AES inputs, then a delay may need to be dialed in. The reason for this is that some cameras have a delay of one or more frames from lens to SDI/HDMI output. The PIX recorder on the other hand has no appreciable delay between audio (analog or AES input) an video (SDI/HDMI input). This means that if the camera does have this delay, the audio

will lead the video as recorded by the PIX recorder. This delay can be adjusted via the Audio, Input 1 Delay and Input 2 Delay menus. Note that on some cameras, the lens-to-SDI/HDMI delay changes with resolution/frame rate. The best practice is to test the audio/video sync using sticks on a test file for each camera resolution/frame rate to be used on a project before starting.

Video Scaling and Frame Rate Conversion

PIX recorders feature powerful, hardware-based video scaling, frame rate conversion, and de-interlacing. This allows for converting the resolution and frame rate of video input to the recorded file and to the HDMI and SDI outputs in real-time.

Video scaling and/or de-interlacing is active whenever the Setup Menu option **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** is set to something other than **Same as Video Input**. Any input signal can be converted to any resolution. When set to record progressive frames, the PIX recorders will convert incoming interlaced video to progressive frame video via its built-in, powerful, hardware-based de-interlacer. The PIX recorders will also convert progressive segmented frame (PsF) video to progressive video automatically if a progressive file (for instance 1080p30) is selected in **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** (If an interlaced file is selected, the PIX recorder will record PsF signal unaltered, but the file will be stamped as interlaced).

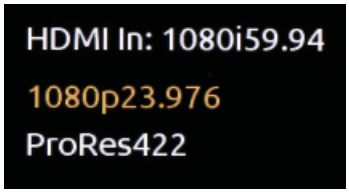
Frame rate conversion occurs whenever the frame rate of **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** differs from the frame rate of the input video signal. Frame rate conversion is achieved by appropriately duplicating or dropping frames. The PIX recorder will auto-sense between integer and non-integer frame rates (for instance 30 frames vs. 29.97 frames). The PIX will not frame rate convert between integer and non-integer values. For example, if the incoming video signal is 1080i59.94, it can be converted to 1080p29.97 or 720p59.94 but not 1080p30 or 720p60. The Setup Menu option **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** contains entries with a combination of integer and non-integer frame rates (such as 1080p30/29.97). When any of these options are selected, the PIX recorder will record in the indicated integer frame rate if the input video is an integer frame or record in the indicated non-integer frame rate if the input video is a non-integer frame rate.

Not all frame rate conversions are visually desirable. When the OSD Item **File Resolution/Rate** is red, the conversion of the frame rate of the input video to the frame set by **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** will contain a finite amount of motion judder. For example, if the incoming video is 720p60 and **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate** is set to 720p50, the cadence of dropped frames may be noticeable depending on the content. Conversions which are simply 1:2 or 2:1 (such as 1080i59.94 to 1080p29.97) introduce no motion judder. For these conversions, the OSD Item **File Resolution/Rate** stays white.

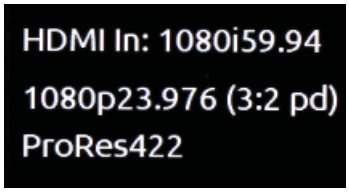
When the input video signal is 720p24 or 720p23.976, up-, down-, and cross-conversion is not available.

3:2 Pulldown Removal

Many cameras which shoot with a shutter speed of 24/23.976 frames per second will output signal on the HDMI or SDI output at 60i/59.94i. To achieve this, the camera performs a "3:2 pulldown" process. The 3:2 pulldown process splits each frame into 2 fields and duplicates a field periodically. The PIX recorders are capable of removing 3:2 pulldown from a 60i/59.94i signal and converting it back to 24/23.976 progressive frames per second in real-time. The PIX 3:2 removal process actively views video fields looking for duplicates. When these duplicates are sensed, then this cadence is locked in and the appropriate extra fields are removed. The process depends on motion in the incoming video. The OSD **File Resolution/Rate** changes from orange to white when this cadence is detected:



Orange: No 3:2 pulldown sensed in 60i/59.94i input signal. Input video is being converted to 24p/23.976p using a conversion process which drops frames and may introduce judder.



White: 3:2 pulldown sensed in 60i/59.94i input video signal. Input video signal is being converted to 24p/23.976p using 3:2 pulldown removal which recreates 24p/23.976p as it is captured from the camera's shutter.

Playback

The PIX recorder can play back any Quicktime file that it records. Playback is shown on the onboard LCD display and appears at both HDMI and SDI outputs. The PIX recorder will use a connected video source's clock for its playback clock. If no video source is present, PIX will use its built-in clock. The PIX recorder will always play the last recorded file when the Play (▶) button is pressed from the Main View. In the File View, pressing the Play (▶) button will play the currently selected file. Push the Stop (■) button anytime to stop playback and exit Playback Mode.

Playback Mode

Playing a file enters Normal Playback Mode; The Play (▶) button and the OSD Items **ABS Time**, **Timecode**, and **Filename** will be green to indicate this. Press the Play (▶) button again during playback to pause playback (The Play button will flash green). Turn the Control Knob while playback is paused to move forward or backward in single frame increments.

Fast Forward and Rewind

Hold down the Fast Forward (**>>**) or Rewind (**<<**) button during playback for 2x (double) speed playback. When the Fast Forward (**>>**) or Rewind (**<<**) button is held down for more than 5 seconds, playback will become 8x speed. Normal playback will resume when Fast Forward (**>>**) or Rewind (**<<**) is released.

File Skip

A single push of the Fast Forward (**>>**) button during playback will begin playback of the next clip (if it exists). A single push of the Rewind (**<<**) button during playback will skip to the beginning of the currently playing file. If the Rewind (**<<**) button is pushed again immediately after it was pushed, playback will skip to the beginning of the previous clip (if it exists). File Skip functions will work while a clip playing and while it is paused.

Shuttle Mode

The PIX recorder is capable of various playback rates as well as reverse playback. These playback features are accessible from Shuttle Mode. Push the Control Knob while in Normal Playback Mode (playing or paused) to switch to Shuttle Mode in FFx1/2 mode. The OSD Items **ABS Time**, **Timecode**, and **Filename** will be blue to indicate Shuttle Mode. Turn the Control Knob to select among the available playback directions and rates. The following table defines the playback directions and speeds available when turning the Control Knob in Shuttle Mode.

Reverse																					Forward							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/8	1/7	1/6	1/5	1/4	1/3	1/2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

In Shuttle Mode, the playback direction and speed will be indicated on the LCD if **Display ➧ ABS Time** is set to **On**. The Fast Forward (**>>**) and Rewind (**<<**) buttons will illuminate independently to indicate the playback direction. Push the Control Knob while in Shuttle Mode to pause playback. Push the Play (▶) button while in Shuttle Mode to return to Normal Playback Mode.

Playing Back Files on a Computer

Video files recorded with the Apple ProRes codec require Quicktime to be installed. Quicktime can be downloaded from *http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/*. See *http://software.sounddevices.com/Apple_ProRes_White_Paper_July_2009.pdf* for more detailed information about the ProRes codec.

Video files recorded with the Avid DNxHD codec require DNxHD drivers to be installed. Visit *http://www.avid.com/dnxhd* to download DNxHD drivers and for more detailed information about the DNxHD codec.

Synchronization and Timecode

This section gives a concise overview of timecode and video synchronization. This information applies primarily to the PIX 240 and its advanced timecode and synchronization options; however it is useful information for PIX 220 and PIX 240 users alike. For information about the PIX 220's timecode capabilities *see PIX 220 Timecode Features*

Synchronization of video, audio, and associated timecode while recording video and audio has long been a problematic area. Situations where several cameras are used can complicate issues further. There may be sync issues between two (or more) cameras and/or between audio recorders because of a) offset and b) drift. In a production environment (during recording), offset and drift are both terms to describe a timing problem between the timecode signal from two or more audio or video recorders. In a post-production environment (a non-linear editor application), offset and drift are both terms to describe a timing problem between two or more audio or video files.

Offset (matching the beginning or "head" of a take) occurs because the beginning of takes are not aligned due to the absence or misuse of timecode. Drift (matching the end or "tail" of a take) occurs because different recorders (audio or camera) run at different rates - the beginning of files from each may have zero offset, but by the end they drift apart. The PIX recorders were designed with these problems in mind and include the most comprehensive and powerful synchronization features available in a portable recorder. These features can be used to alleviate or eliminate offset and drift problems in both production and post-production. While the PIX recorder's design makes setting the parameters as easy as possible, a good understanding of synchronization is still necessary to properly operate the PIX recorder and ensure a trouble-free workflow.

In a camera, the shutter, video circuitry, audio sampling, and timecode all run off of one 'heartbeat' from its master internal clock. If this master clock is slightly fast, then the shutter, audio sampling, and timecode will be slightly fast, and if the master clock is a slightly slow, the shutter etc will be a bit slightly slow also.

When a PIX recorder's video input is connected via HDMI or SDI to the camera, this heartbeat is passed through the HDMI or SDI, and the PIX is synchronized to the camera's internal clock as well. The PIX video and audio circuitry is clocked off of this incoming video. The PIX recorder writes files based on this clock as well - each audio sample and video frame written out to the file is synchronized to the incoming video. This way, the PIX recorder is always completely in sync with the connected camera - there can never be any drift of audio or video between the camera and the PIX.

Drift problems in a workflow can arise when more than one camera is used on a shoot, as each camera is driven off of its own internal master clock. Since internal master clock speed will always vary from camera to camera (and vary based on temperature and time), each camera used will run

at a slightly different shutter speed, audio sample rate and timecode rate. This is also true when recording video on a camera and recording audio on a separate recorder, as each device has its own internal master clock. Particularly problematic are long takes where there may be significant drift from camera to camera from the beginning to end of the take's file. Even if the heads match, the tails of a take may not.

These drift problems can be mitigated during recording by using a Genlock (or "Sync") Input on a camera which takes over the camera's internal master clock. Wiring several cameras' Genlock Inputs together forces all of the cameras to run at the exact same rate with no drift. This same concept applies to audio recorders using the Word Clock input. Genlock inputs are available only on higher-end cameras and Word Clock inputs are available on higher-end audio recorders.

Offset problems are easier to overcome than drift problems. By feeding each recording device with the same timecode signal, the files from different recording devices can all be in sync and there will be no offset in post-production.

The PIX 240 can address the synchronization issues of both offset and drift (heads and tails) via its built-in Ambient® Lockit with Genlock Out and Timecode Reader. The PIX 240's Ambient® Lockit features an internal clock which has an accuracy of +/-0.2ppm (½ frame per 24 hours). Numerous PIX 240 recorders can be used to maintain extremely tight synchronization.

Timecode Reader

The PIX 240 includes a timecode reader which can accept incoming SMPTE timecode. The PIX 240 can read timecode from embedded SDI / HDMI, linear timecode fed into the "TC I/O" BNC connector, or the 5-pin LEMO® connector. The timecode reader is enabled whenever the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** is set to **Ext TC (LTC)** or **Ext TC (SDI, HDMI)**, which indicates that it will read external timecode.

Timecode Reader operation is useful for simple cases where the PIX 240's timecode follows the camera timecode. The timecode/sync of the PIX 240's file will match exactly with the camera's file with zero-drift.

In situations where a consistent offset is observed between PIX 240 files and other production recordings, the PIX 240 can offset the timecode stamp. The Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ File Start TC Offset** allows the user to adjust the frame offset from -10 to +10 in increments of 1. This setting does not affect timecode on the PIX 240's outputs.

For shoots involving more than one camera or an audio recorder, using the PIX 240's Timecode Generator can be more beneficial than using the Timecode Reader to achieve good heads and tails sync between all recordings.

Internal Ambient® Lockit: Timecode Generator with Sync Out

The PIX 240 includes an internal Ambient® ACL-203 Lockit which can be used as a master sync/timecode source for cameras or audio recorders. The Lockit is an ultra-high accuracy sync/timecode generator with < 0.2 ppm (½ frame per 24 hours) accuracy that is suitable as a master clock in all levels of productions. With its internal, rechargeable battery, accurate timecode is maintained for up to 2 hours after the PIX 240 is powered down. After 2 hours, the timecode value is reset. The battery is recharged automatically.

Multi-camera shoots using cameras that accept genlock input can benefit from the PIX 240's built in Ambient® Lockit as their master sync and timecode source. Each PIX 240's files will have very tightly synchronized recordings with matching heads and tails.

Additionally, even multi-camera shoots utilizing lower-cost cameras (with no genlock or timecode) can benefit from the built-in Lockit. By using the Timecode Generator to stamp the beginning of each

file, the heads of each take will match from several recorders, even if the tails drift due to using non-genlocked cameras.

Setting the Sync Out

The setting of this is parameter is found in Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Sync Out**. If not using the Sync Out of the PIX 240, set the **Sync Out** to **Off**. When using the Lockit to generate the Sync (genlock) for a camera, the frame rate and resolution must be set for the camera's sync input. Consult the camera's documentation for information of which rates are accepted.

Additionally, there are two advanced modes under **Timecode/Sync ➧ Sync Out**: **Genlock, Follows Video In** and **Wordclock, Follows Video In**. **Genlock, Follows Video In** can be used to slave another camera's or audio recorder's genlock input to the camera feeding the PIX. Likewise, **Wordclock, Follows Video In** can be used to slave an external audio recorder to the camera driving the PIX to achieve perfect audio sync with zero drift. Drift is less likely to be an issue when recordings are kept short.

Advanced: Tuning the PIX's internal Lockit

The PIX 240 contains a full Ambient® Lockit generator which has an ultra-stable, temperature-compensated internal oscillator. This oscillator comes from the factory pre-tuned to a very tight reference central clock. This oscillator can be tuned by the user by utilizing Ambient's ACC501 Clockit Controller. This can be helpful on a larger production utilizing several PIX 240s to have the least amount of error possible. The tuning is performed by connecting the Clockit Controller to the PIX 240's LEMO connector and following the instrutions on the Clockit Controller.

PIX 220 Timecode Features

The PIX 220 is able to read timecode that is embedded on the HDMI video signal. Check your camera's documentation to determine if the camera is able to send timecode over its HDMI output.

When the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** is set to **Ext TC (HDMI)**, and a camera is sending valid timecode embedded in the HDMI signal, the PIX 220 will stamp recorded files with this timecode. This also allows for the PIX 220 to optionally begin recording when it senses advancing timecode. *see Triggering Recording from External Timecode*

Timecode Modes

Freerun Timceode Mode

Generator mode. Timecode runs continuously. The value can be set by "jamming value" in the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Jam Received TC** or by manually setting a value from the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Set Generator TC**.

Record Run Timecode Mode

Generator mode. The recorder sends running timecode while recording and stationary timecode while not recording. Timecode in this mode defaults to the last stationary value at power-up. When switching to record run from another mode, the internal generator will stop at the last number generated. A user-defined value can be jammed into the internal generator from the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Set Generator TC**.

External Timecode Mode (PIX 240)

Reader mode. The PIX 240's internal timecode generator follows an external timecode signal appearing at the time code input or timecode embedded on the SDI or HDMI input (*see SDI Input Embedded Timecode*). If the external timecode is removed the internal generator continues to run to preserve continuous timecode.

Timecode Frame Rate

In External mode, if the incoming frame rate does not match the frame rate as set in **Video ➧ File Resolution/Rate**, the timecode frame rate display will appear orange to notify the user. The PIX will still record using the File Resolution/Rate.

External - HDMI Timecode Mode (PIX 220)

This information applies to the PIX 220 only. HDMI embedded timecode on the PIX 240 is treated like all other external timecode sources. see External Timecode Mode (PIX 240)

When the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** is set to **Ext TC (HDMI)**, and a camera is sending valid timecode embedded in the HDMI signal, the PIX 220 will stamp recorded files with this timecode.

Timecode Input Sources

LEMO 5-pin

The LEMO 5-pin connection provides access to timecode input, timecode output, and Ambient® tuning. Several Sound Devices cable accessories split this connection to input and output connectors on BNC (XL-LB2), XLR (XL-LX), or LEMO 5-pin (XL-LL). To accept timecode at the LEMO 5-pin input, the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** must be set to **Ext TC (LTC)**. If timecode is present on the Timecode BNC connection, it will take precedence over timecode on the LEMO 5-pin connection.

Timecode BNC

The Timecode BNC will provide timecode output (by default) or timecode input. When the Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode BNC is** set to **Timecode Input** and Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** is set to **Ext TC (LTC)**, timecode at Timecode BNC connection will take precedence over timecode on the LEMO 5-pin input.

SDI Input Embedded Timecode

The PIX 240 can use timecode embedded in the SDI or HDMI input signal. **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** must be set to **Ext TC (SDI, HDMI)**.

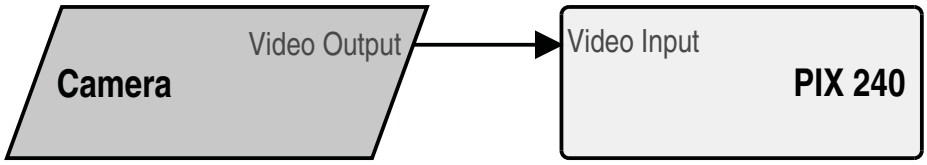
HDMI Input Embedded Timecode

The PIX recorders can use timecode embedded in the HDMI input signal. **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** must be set to **Ext TC (SDI, HDMI)** on the PIX 240 or **Ext TC (HDMI)** on the PIX 220.

Synchronization/Timecode Examples

The following examples illustrate common scenarios where synchronization can be employed with the PIX 240 and other devices.

Single Video Camera, no Genlock



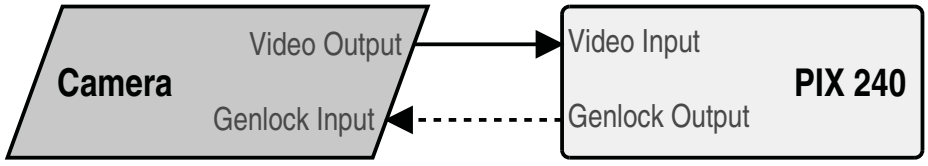
In this scenario, the video camera is the master source of the video sync. The timecode can either be read from the camera or be generated by the PIX 240. The accuracy of the recording is dependent on the internal clock accuracy of the camera.

To receive timecode from the camera, set **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** to **Ext TC (LTC)** for cameras that output standard SMPTE timecode to the PIX 240's Timecode BNC or LEMO 5-pin input. Alternatively, the PIX 240 can receive timecode from the SDI or HDMI input (if the camera sends timecode in this way) by setting **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode** to **Ext TC (SDI, HDMI)**.

The Setup Menu option **Timecode/Sync ➧ Sync Out** can be set to several valid settings, including the following:

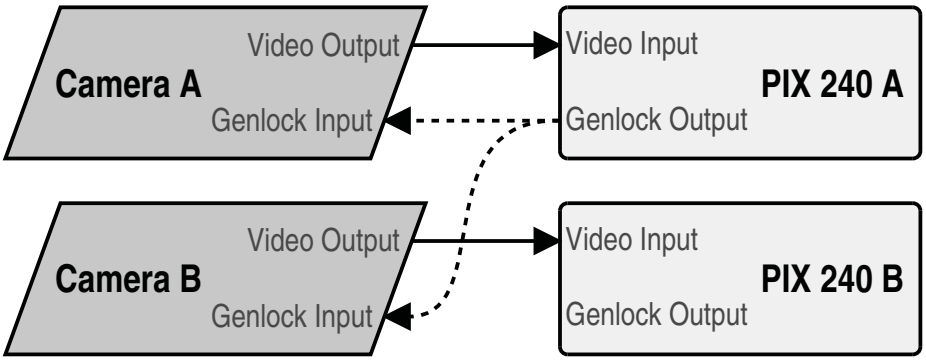
- **Off -** sync signal is disabled.
- **Genlock, Follows Video In -** Genlock for another camera is derived from the video signal of the single camera.
- **Wordclock, Follows Video In -** Wordclock for an audio device is derived from the video signal of the single camera.

Single Camera with Genlock Input, Genlocked from PIX



In this scenario, the PIX 240 is the master source of video sync. Set the output of the sync generator to a selected rate and connect the PIX 240 Sync Out (Genlock) to the same camera. Feed the timecode output of the PIX 240 into the timecode input of the camera.

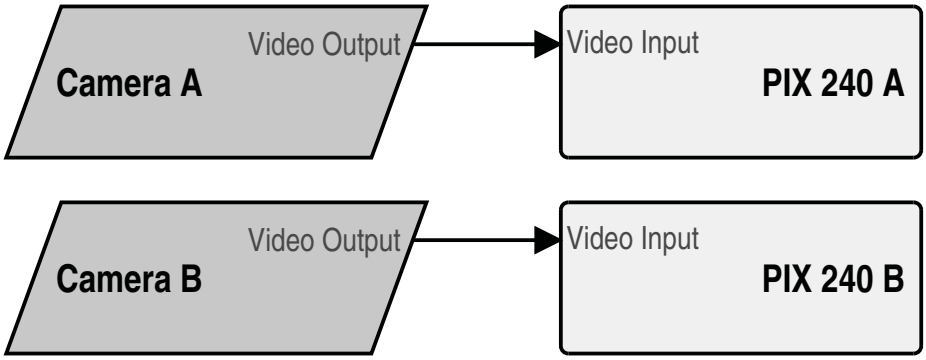
Multiple Cameras with Genlock Input, all Genlocked from a Single PIX



In this scenario, a PIX 240 is the master sync source for multiple cameras , each with or without their own PIX acting as a recorder. Because of this locked connection, the cameras can be run indefinitely and be assured of frame-accurate sync with no possibility of drift.

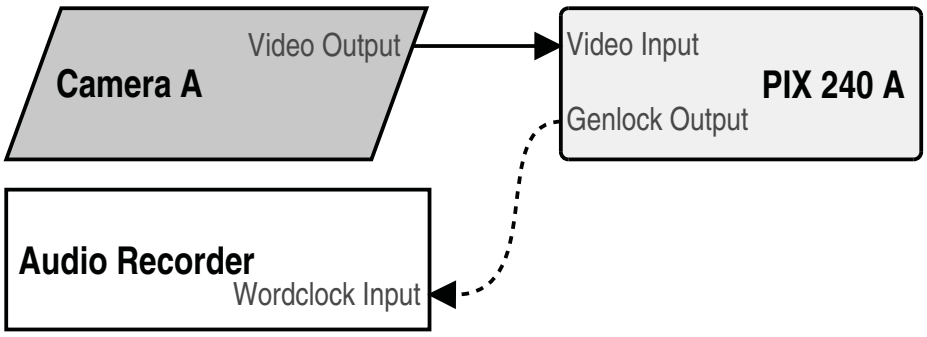
Set the output of the sync generator to a selected rate and connect the PIX 240 Sync Out (Genlock) and timecode output to multiple cameras ("mult" the genlock output). This connection uses the PIX 240 as both the video sync source and timecode source. Heads and tails sync for the camera's and PIX files will be perfect.

Camera #1 to PIX #1, Camera #2 to PIX #2, No Genlock



In this scenario, each camera is its own master video sync source , but the PIX is the source of the timecode. The PIX 240 records its files based on the camera's clock. The heads will match perfectly, but the tails may drift depending on the cameras' clocks.

Camera to PIX with Word Clock Connection to Audio Recorder



The word clock output on the PIX 240 is synchronous with incoming video signal. The word clock output can be used to sync external audio recorders to any camera. To enable word clock output, set Setup Menu item **Timecode/Sync ➧ Sync Out** to **Wordclock, Follows Video In**.

External Control

Triggering Recording from External Timecode

The PIX 240 can be configured to record only when running timecode is present on the 5-pin LEMO, the Timecode BNC, or embedded timecode on the SDI or HDMI input. The PIX 220 can be configured to record only when running timecode is present on HDMI input. The device that is sending timecode to the PIX recorder must be configured to send running timecode when recording and stopped timecode when not recording (often referred to as "Rec Run"). To make the PIX recorder record automatically when running timecode is sensed on the timecode input:

1. Set Setup Menu option **System ➧ Rec Start/Stop** to **Timecode**
2. Make sure that the device that is sending timecode is configured to send stopped timecode while stopped and running timecode while recording.

Triggering from external timecode will not cause the PIX 240 to automatically stamp external timecode to recorded files. The timecode stamped to files is determined by the setting **Timecode/Sync ➧ Timecode Mode**

Triggering Recording from SDI Flag Bits

Start and stop flags embedded in the SDI signal from some cameras can be used to start and stop recording of the PIX 240. To enable this feature, set Setup Menu option **System ➧ Rec Start/Stop** to the **SDI Flag** option that refers to the manufacturer of the connected camera.

LANC

The LANC protocol can be used to start and stop recording of the PIX. A standard LANC controller can be plugged into the 2.5 mm LANC connector on the right panel of the PIX recorder. When Setup Menu option **System ➧ Rec Start/Stop** is to **LANC In**, the PIX recorder will follow commands from the LANC controller. LANC commands recognized by the PIX recorder are Start and Stop recording.

To send LANC commands from a controller to both a camera and a PIX recorder (or to use more than one PIX recorder), parallel the LANC signal with a Y-cable running to both the camera and the PIX. Set the Setup Menu option **System ➧ Rec Start/Stop** to **LANC (parallel)** for any paralleled PIX units.

Switch Contact Closure

The 2.5 mm LANC connector can alternatively be configured to function as a standard GPIO logic connection by setting the Setup Menu option **System ➧ Rec Start/Stop** to **Switch Closure** or **Switch Momentary**. When in either of these modes, the 2.5 mm TRS "LANC" connection is no longer used as a LANC input and the recorder will no longer function with a LANC controller. The wiring of the TRS connector is:

- Tip: Switch Input
- Ring: +5V LED voltage output (for illuminating an LED light for record tally)
- Sleeve: Ground

When the Setup Menu option **System ➧ Rec Start/Stop** to **Switch Closure**, recording will begin when the Switch Input (tip) is connected to ground (sleeve) and recording will stop when the Switch Input (tip) is disconnected from ground (sleeve). When the Setup Menu option **System ➧ Rec Start/Stop** to **Switch Momentary**, recording will begin when the Switch Input (tip) is connected to ground (sleeve) and recording will stop when the Switch Input (tip) is connected to ground (sleeve) a subsequent time.

To use the LED output, connect an LED between the 2.5mm ring and sleeve with a series resistor. The anode (+) of the LED should connect to the ring and the cathode (-) to the sleeve. A good starting point for the resistor value is 220 ohms, but the value depends on the particular LED used. The ring is internally connected to 5V when recording (and to 0V otherwise) with a series 100 ohm resistor.

USB Keyboard

The PIX recorders support standard USB keyboards connected to the USB A connector on the Right Panel. The keyboard can be used to navigate menus, enter text, and start and stop recording. The following table shows common functions for an attached keyboard:

Keyboards with integrated USB hubs are not supported.

F1	Displays the Setup Menu. Functions the same as the MENU button.
F2	Displays the File View. Functions the same as the FILES button.
F3	Displays the Audio View. Functions the same as the AUDIO button.
Menu Key	Displays the Setup Menu. Functions the same as the MENU button.
Arrow Keys	Up / Down keys navigate menus and move the highlight. Right / Left keys move cursor during text entry.
Return/Enter	Confirms highlighted elements. Functions the same as pushing the Control Knob.
Escape	Exits / cancels current dialog.
Page Up Page Down	Moves the highlight to the top or bottom of displayed list elements.
End	Moves the highlight to the end of a list.
Home	Moves the highlight to the beginning of a list.

Storage Devices

Supported Storage Devices

Sound Devices maintains a list of storage devices that are approved for use with the PIX recorders. An up-to-date list of supported storage devices can be found online: *http://www.sounddevices.com/approved*

Approved mechanical drives are recommended for use only in stationary applications. Excessive vibration or motion may cause data corruption when using mechanical drives.

PIX-CADDY

The PIX-CADDY allows for simple, quick, and solid connection and removal of drives for file storage and exchange. When connected to a PIX recorder, whether powered on or off, the caddy's USB 3.0, FireWire 800 connections are disabled. When the PIX-CADDY is removed from a PIX recorder, it operates as a high-speed data interface for transferring files from the drive to a computer. Only one data connection can be used at a time. See PIX-CADDY documentation for details on attaching a 2.5" drive to the PIX-CADDY.

eSATA

An external storage device can be used instead of the PIX-CADDY. When the PIX-CADDY is removed, the eSATAp is exposed. An external storage device with an eSATAp connector can be attached to the PIX recorder's eSATAp Connector with a standard eSATAp cable. The drive in the enclosure must be an approved drive.

This port can be used to power an external drive via 5V eSATAp, or it can be used with powered external enclosures using an eSATA (non-powered) cable.

File Storage

PIX recorders format and write to a UDF (v2.50) filesystem. The UDF filesystem is readable and writable by Mac OS X, Windows 7, and Windows Vista. Files stored in a UDF filesystem are not restricted to 4GB, unlike FAT32 (a commonly utilized filesystem in other digital recorders). 2.5" drive and CF storage devices to be used with the PIX recorder must be formatted from the PIX recorder.

Mounting PIX formatted UDF volumes to virtual machines is not supported.

UDF volumes are not readable by Windows XP. *A third-party UDF driver that enables writing to UDF volumes is available for Windows XP, however it is not officially supported for use with PIX formatted volumes: http://www.softarch.com/EN/Product/WriteUDFWin.html*

Formatting

To format a drive:

1. Make sure the CF or 2.5" drive to be formatted is connected to the recorder.
2. Open Setup Menu option **File Storage** ➧ **Erase/Re-format**.
3. Choose the appropriate **Erase/Re-format** sub-option for the drive to be formatted (**SSD** or **CF**).

4. A confirmation dialog will appear: “All data will be erased. Continue?”. Turn the control knob to select **OK**.
5. Use the displayed on-screen keyboard (or an external USB keyboard, if attached) to enter a volume label for the drive, and then use the Control Knob to select **OK** to initiate the format.

Target Storage Device for Recording

The PIX recorder can record directly to approved CF or 2.5” drives. The Setup Menu option **File Storage ➧ Primary Drive** controls which drive will be written to depending on which drives are attached. When the primary drive is full, the PIX recorder can be configured to automatically begin recording to the other drive or stop recording, with the Setup Menu option **File Storage ➧ When Drive is Full**.

Notes on automatic drive switching:

- If the drive that is set as the primary drive is not attached when the Record button is pressed, the PIX will record to the alternate drive (if present).
- In order for automatic switching to occur, the drive to be switched to must be attached and mounted prior to hitting Record. Drives that are not mounted prior to hitting record will not be available for automatic switching until recording is Stopped.

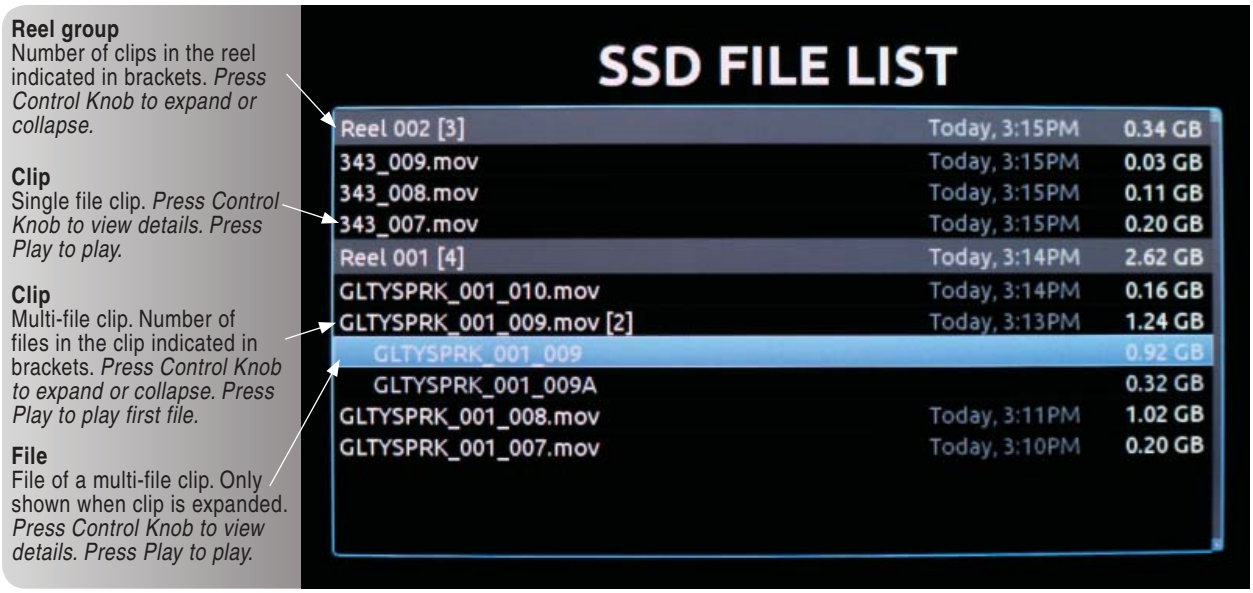
File Management and Metadata

File View

Files recorded on the PIX recorder are compiled in the File View as a list of clips. Push the Files button to access the File View. Clips are arranged chronologically and grouped by Reel. Turn the Control Knob to highlight individual rows in File View.

When the reel number is changed (**File Storage ➧ Reel**) and a new clip is recorded, a new group will be created in the file list. Rows with a grey background indicate a group of clips by Reel number. The number of clips in the reel is indicated, and the total size (in GB) of the clips within the reel is also indicated. To browse the clips within a group, highlight the group and push the Control Knob.

Clips that exceed the time set in Setup Menu option **File Storage ➧ File Split every** will consist of more than one file and be grouped into one row in the File View. Clips grouped in this way will be indicated with a number following the clip name. This number represents the amount of files in the clip. Pushing the Control Knob when a multi-file clip is highlighted will open a sub-list of the files that make up the clip.


Reel group
Number of clips in the reel indicated in brackets. Press Control Knob to expand or collapse.
Clip
Single file clip. Press Control Knob to view details. Press Play to play.
Clip
Multi-file clip. Number of files in the clip indicated in brackets. Press Control Knob to expand or collapse. Press Play to play first file.
File
File of a multi-file clip. Only shown when clip is expanded. Press Control Knob to view details. Press Play to play.
SSD FILE LIST
Reel 002 [3] Today, 3:15PM 0.34 GB
343_009.mov Today, 3:15PM 0.03 GB
343_008.mov Today, 3:15PM 0.11 GB
343_007.mov Today, 3:15PM 0.20 GB
Reel 001 [4] Today, 3:14PM 2.62 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_010.mov Today, 3:14PM 0.16 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_009.mov [2] Today, 3:13PM 1.24 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_009 0.92 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_009A 0.32 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_008.mov Today, 3:11PM 1.02 GB
GLTYSPRK_001_007.mov Today, 3:10PM 0.20 GB

File Details

Highlight a file and push the Control Knob to view the File Details of that file. File detail includes:

- Start time code
- Timecode frames-per-second
- Timecode user bits
- Video resolution
- Video frame rate
- Video codec
- Media
- File size
- Duration
- Audio Format

Deleting a File

To delete a file:

1. Push the files button to enter the File View.
2. Scroll with the Control Knob to highlight and select the file to be deleted.

3. Highlight and select the Delete option. A dialog will appear to confirm the deletion. Turn the Control Knob to highlight and select "OK".

File Size Limit

To aid in maintaining manageable file sizes, the PIX recorder will automatically begin writing a new file after a set amount of minutes has elapsed in a recording. The beginning of this new file will be seamless to the ending of the previous file. The default time before splitting the file is 60 minutes. The Setup Menu option **File Storage ➧ File Split every** adjusts the amount of time before a file split occurs.

File Naming

Files are named according to the file name format as set with Setup Menu option **File Storage ➧ File Name Format**. The options for file name format include various combinations of CamID, Reel, Clip, Scene/Shot, and Take metadata fields.

RED File Format

When the Setup Menu option **File Storage ➧ File Name Format** is set to **RED File Format**, the PIX 240 will:

- Generate files that follow the same naming convention used by RED cameras.
- Extract the CamID, Reel number, and Clip number from the SDI input signal from a RED One or RED Epic camera and apply it to the file name and appropriate metadata fields of each recorded file. *See Metadata*

Metadata

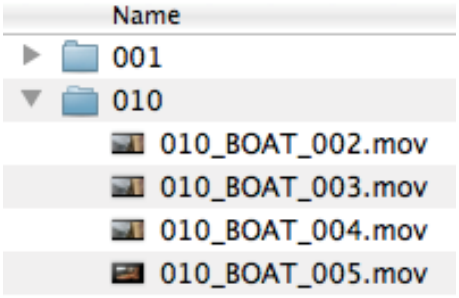
Several parameters can be set within the Setup Menu **File Storage** to aid in the organization of files. This metadata can be used in naming the file which is to be recorded. Folders are created on the 2.5" drive or CF card based on the Reel number. The Reel number and start timecode value are recorded within the Quicktime's metadata fields.

CamID

The CamID field consists of a single alpha character. It is intended to indicate which physical camera shot the content for the take.

Reel

The reel can be considered a container for all assets generated during a recording session or day's work. This field consists of a numeric value between 1 and 999. It is intended to indicate what reel the recording is part of. The PIX recorder will create a folder at the root level for each Reel. Recorded files are placed inside the current Reel folder.



Clip

The Clip field consists of a numeric value between 1 and 999. It is intended to indicate what clip number the recording is. This field can be set manually and will increment each time a new file is recorded. The Clip number will reset to 1 when the Reel number is changed.

Scene/Shot

The Scene/Shot field consists of a alpha-numeric value. Use this field to indicate a descriptive name for the current scene or shot.

Take

The Take field consists of a numeric value between 1 and 999. It is intended to indicate what take number the clip is, relative to the scene. This field can be set manually and will increment each time a new file is recorded. The Take number will reset to 1 when the Scene name is changed.

Transfering Files to a Computer

Quicktime files on PIX formatted storage volumes (2.5" drive, CF card, or any external storage device) can be copied to a computer by removing the storage device from the PIX recorder and connecting it to a computer. Storage devices formatted with the PIX recorder use the UDF filesystem. *See File Storage*

The Firewire 800 and USB 3.0 connectors on the PIX-CADDY are disabled when the PIX-CADDY is attached to the PIX recorder. When attaching the PIX-CADDY to a computer, either the Firewire 800 or the USB 3.0 connection must be used; Not both.

Sound Devices recommends first copying files from the 2.5" drive or CF card to the computer first and then editing the files. It is not recommended to edit files directly off of the 2.5" drive or CF card.

Do not copy files from a computer (or any other host device) to a drive that is intended to be used by the PIX recorder. If this occurs, it is advisable to format the drive with the PIX recorder before making new recordings.

Firmware Upgrades

At times, Sound Devices makes updates available for PIX recorders. These updates are easy to apply:

1. Download the new .prg file from the Sound Devices website.
2. Copy this file to the CF card or 2.5" drive, and insert into the PIX recorder.
3. Ensure that the power source for the PIX recorder is reliable. Power loss during a firmware upgrade process can produce unexpected results.
4. From the **System** menu in the Setup Menu, select **Firmware Update**. The PIX recorder will search for the .prg file and give the option to install the first file that it finds (cancelling this dialog will cause the PIX to search for another .prg on any attached storage devices). When the correct .prg file has been located, highlight the **OK** button and push the Control Knob to begin the firmware update.
5. The PIX will verify that the file is not corrupted, then it will update the firmware. When done the unit will need to be powered down and then back up.

Setup Management

Saving and Loading Setup Files

To save all of the settings to a setup file, select the Setup Menu option **Quick Setup ➧ Save Settings to SSD** or **Save Settings to CF**. Use the on-screen keyboard (or attached USB keyboard) to enter a name for the setup file. This will save all of the current settings to an XML file on the root of the

selected storage device. To load a previously saved setup file, select the Setup Menu option **Quick Setup ➧ Load Settings from SSD** or **Load Settings from CF**.

For a complete list of available Setup Menu options, *see Setup Menu Options*.

Formatting a storage device will also remove any setup files that are on the drive. Setup files can be stored on a computer and copied back to a CF or 2.5" drive to be loaded on the PIX recorder.

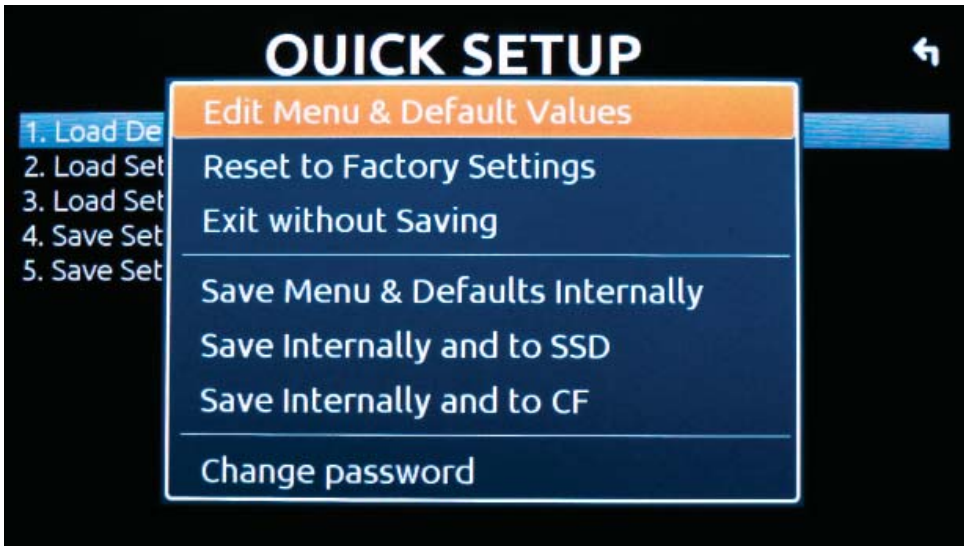
Custom Default Settings and Setup Menu Option Visibility

The Setup Menu option **Quick Setup ➧ Load Factory Settings** loads a setup that is saved internally to the PIX when it leaves the factory. It is possible to alter this "factory" setup, so that the Setup Menu option **Quick Setup ➧ Load Factory Settings** will load a custom default.

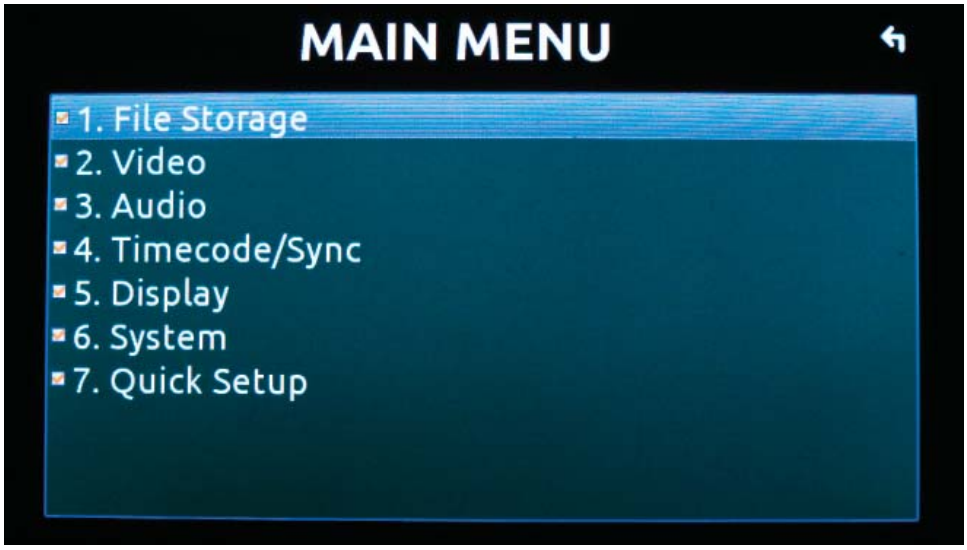
It is also possible to hide specific Setup Menu parameters and options. This is useful for Setup Menu options that are not commonly used in a particular workflow, or to simplify use when lending the unit to another user.

To customize defaults and Setup Menu option visibility:

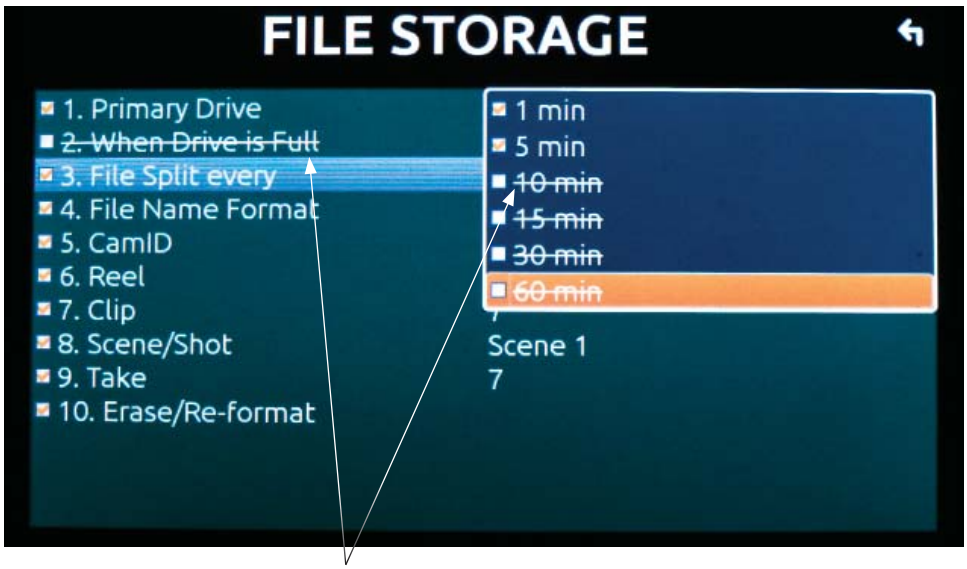
1. Attach a USB keyboard to the PIX recorder's USB keyboard jack.
2. Press the MENU button to enter the Setup Menu.
3. Press Ctrl + Alt + F10 on the keyboard. If this is the first time this action has been performed since powering the PIX recorder up, a password dialog will appear. Enter the password (the default password is "default").
4. After the correct password has been entered, the Settings Customization Menu will appear. Select **Edit Menu & Default Values**.



5. The Setup Menu will be shown with a colored background. There will be check boxes next to each menu item. Navigate the menu with the Control Knob, as usual.



6. To to change the visibility of an item in the Setup Menu, push the spacebar on the keyboard while the item is highlighted. Checked items will be displayed in the Setup Menu and unchecked items will not be displayed.



Crossed out items will be hidden

7. Settings changed at this point will become the default settings.
8. When finished, press Esc or F1 on the keyboard. This will show the Settings Customization Menu again. Select any of the save options.

Keep a record of the password, if it is changed. A lost password could result in undesirable limitations.

The Settings Customization Menu option **Reset to Factory Settings** will make all Setup Menu items visible and revert default settings to factory defaults.

Setup Menu Options

The Setup Menu controls a wide range of parameters for the PIX. The parameters are organized into categories, making the setup Menu easy to navigate. The following tables show the parameter name, a description, options available, and the factory default setting where applicable.

Default settings can be altered. *See Setup Management*

File Storage

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
1	**Primary Drive**	Selects which storage device to record to.	» **SSD** • CF
2	**When Drive is Full**	Whether or not to automatically switch to the other storage device if the primary drive becomes full while recording.	» **Stop recording** • Switch to other drive
3	**File Split Every**	Choose the recording time that will elapse before a new file is created automatically. Since ProRes and DNxHD codecs are variable bit rate, the size of each file will vary, even though the running time will be the same.	• 1 min • 5 min • 10 min • 15 min • 30 min » **60 min**
4	**File Name Format**	The format for file names as they are written to the drive.	» **Drive_Reel_Clip.mov** • Reel_Clip.mov • CamID_Reel_Clip.mov • Reel_Scene_Take.mov • Scene_Take.mov • RED File Format
5	**CamID**		» **A** (single alpha to "Z").
6	**Reel**		• 1 (numeric)
7	**Clip**		» **1** (numeric)
8	**Scene/Shot**		» **"Scene 1"** (multi alphanumeric)
9	**Take**		» **1** (numeric)
10	**Erase/Reformat**		• Erase/Re-format: SSD • Erase/Re-format: CF

Video

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
1	**Video Input**	Physical source to derive recorded video from.	» **HDMI** • SDI
1 2	**File Resolution/Rate**	The resolution and frame to convert input video to. This will affect files recorded and all video outputs.	» **Same as Video Input** • 1080p30/29.97 • 1080p25 • 1080p24/23.976 • 1080i60/59.94 • 1080i50 • 720p60/59.94 • 720p50 • 720p30/29.97 • 720p25 • 720p24/23.976
2 3	**Codec**	The video codec to use for encoding. Note for DNxHD that the rates listed are assuming 1080p30. If a different resolution and frame rate is selected, the PIX recorder will use the corresponding DNxHD data rate.	• DNxHD 220x 220Mb/s, 10bit • DNxHD 220 220Mb/s, 8bit • DNxHD 145 145Mb/s, 8bit • DNxHD 36 36Mb/s, 8bit • ProRes 422HQ 220Mb/s, 10bit » **ProRes 422 145Mb/s, 10bit** • ProRes 422LT 100Mb/s, 8bit • ProRes 422Proxy 36Mb/s, 8bit
3 4	**Input PsF Detect**	When set to “Auto”, the PIX will sense PsF signal based on a flag within the signal stream. Most devices with SDI output will provide this flag, however some SDI outputs and all HDMI outputs will not provide this flag. When sending PsF signal from these devices, choose “Interpret 1080i as PsF”	» **Auto** • Interpret 1080i as PsF

Audio

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
1	**Audio Input**	Physical source to derive recorded audio from.	» **Analog XLR** • AES (Digital) XLR 1-2ch • AES (Digital) XLR 1-4ch • SDI/HDMI 2ch • SDI 4ch • SDI 6ch • SDI 8ch • OFF
2	**Analog 1 Source**	Selects the input level and whether or not phantom power should be applied to analog input 1.	» **Mic** • Mic 48V • Line • Line 48V
3	**Analog 2 Source**	Selects the input level and whether or not phantom power should be applied to analog input 2.	» **Mic** • Mic 48V • Line • Line 48V
4	**Analog 1 Low cut**	Engages low-cut filter on analog Input 1 at the specified frequency.	» **OFF** • 40Hz • 80Hz • 120Hz • 160Hz • 200Hz • 240Hz

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
5	**Analog 2 Low cut**	Engages low-cut filter on analog Input 2 at the specified frequency.	» **OFF** • 40Hz • 80Hz • 120Hz • 160Hz • 200Hz • 240Hz
6	**Low cut Slope**	Selects the curve of the analog low-cut filters.	• 6dB/oct » **12dB/oct**
7	**input Limiter (1,2)**	Toggles input limiters on analog inputs.	» **On** • Off
8	**Analog 1 Polarity**	Selects normal or inverse polarity for analog Input 1.	» **Normal** • Reverse
9	**Analog 2 Polarity**	Selects normal or inverse polarity for analog Input 2.	» **Normal** • Reverse
10	**Input 1 Delay**	Applies the specified amount (in milliseconds) of digital delay to Input 1.	» **0ms** (numeric 0-200)
11	**Input 2 Delay**	Applies the specified amount (in milliseconds) of digital delay to Input 2.	» **0ms** (numeric 0-200)
12	**Input 3 Delay**	Applies the specified amount (in milliseconds) of digital delay to Input 3.	» **0ms** (numeric 0-200)
13	**Input 4 Delay**	Applies the specified amount (in milliseconds) of digital delay to Input 4.	» **0ms** (numeric 0-200)
12 14	**Input Linking**	Selects whether Input 1 and Input 2 gains are controlled independantly (Unlinked), together (1-2), or together with MS decoding (1-2MS).	» **Unlinked** • 1-2 • 1-2MS
13 15	**Output Source - XLR**	The audio channels sent to the analog XLR outputs. Left of the comma represents left output and right of the comma represents right output.	» **1,2** • 3,4 • 5,6 • 7,8 • 1357,2468 • 12345678
14 16	**Output XLR 1 Attenuation**	Attenuate analog output 1 by 1 dB increments.	» **0 dB** (numeric 0-20)
15 17	**Output XLR 2 Attenuation**	Attenuate analog output 2 by 1 dB increments	» **0 dB** (numeric 0-20)
16 18	**Headphone Source**	The audio channels sent to the headphone output. Left of the comma represents left headphone channel and right of the comma represents right headphone channel.	» **1,2** • 3,4 • 5,6 • 7,8 • 1357,2468 • 12345678
17 19	**Headphone: LCD A/V Align**	Delays audio to Headphone output to align with video on LCD.	» **Off** • On

Timecode/Sync

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
1	**Timecode Mode**	Sets the running mode for the internal timecode generator and/or the method which the PIX recorder receives SMPTE timecode..	» **Off** » **Freerun** • 24h run • Record run • Ext TC (LTC) • Ext TC (SDI, HDMI) • Ext TC (HDMI) *PIX 220 only*
2	**Drop Frame Enable**	Enable or disable drop frame timecode.	» **Off** • On
3	**Sync Out**	Determines whether the signal on the Sync Output BNC is genlock or wordclock, and determines the sync reference for that signal. When settings of a resolution / frame rate are selected, the Sync Out BNC will supply genlock signal at the specified rate that reference the internal Ambient® Lockit.	» **Off** • 1080p30 • 1080p29.97 • 1080p29.97df • 1080p25 • 1080p24 • 1080p23.976 • 1080i60/PsF30 • 1080i59.94/PsF29.97nd • 1080i59.94/PsF29.97df • 1080i50/PsF25 • 1080PsF24 • 1080PsF23.976 • 720p60 • 720p59.94 (29.97nd) • 720p59.94 (29.97df) • 720p50 • 720p60 • 720p30 • 720p29.97nd • 720p29.97df • 720p25 • 720p24 • 720p23.976 • 576i50 (PAL) • 480i59.94 (29.97nd NTSC) • 480i59.94 (29.97df NTSC) • Genlock, Follows Video In • Wordclock, Follows Video In
4	**Timecode BNC**	Selects whether the Timecode BNC functions as an input or output for SMPTE timecode.	• Timcode Output » **Timecode Input**
25	**Auto-Record Hold Off**		» **0 sec** (numeric 0-8)
6	**Jam Received TC**	Opens a dialog that displays incoming timecode value in realtime (RxTC), incoming userbits (UB), transmitting/internal (Ambient® Lockit) timecode value (GENTC), and transmitting/internal userbits (UB).	• Push Control Knob to jam internal timecode to incoming (RxTC) timecode. • Push Menu button to back out.
7	**Jam time Of Day**	Sets the internal timecode clock to the current time of day.	
8	**Set Generator TC**	Sets the Ambient® Lockit timecode generator value in HH:MM:SS.FF format.	» **00:00:00.00** (Timecode value)
9	**Set Generator UBits**	Sets userbits of the Ambient® Lockit timecode generator.	» **00 00 00 00** (Hex: 00-FF for each slot)
310	**File Start TC Offset**	Sets the amount of offset (in frames) to apply to the timecode value that is stamped to recorded files. This setting does not affect timecode output of the PIX 240.	» **0** **(numeric -10 to +10)**

Display

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
1	**ABS Time**	Display of absolute record time.	» **On** • Off
2	**File Codec**	Display of current file codec	» **On** • Off
3	**File Name**	Display of current file name	» **On** • Off
4	**File Resolution/Rate**	Display of current file resolution	» **On** • Off
5	**Input - Audio**	Display of auio input levels for channels 1 and 2	» **On** • Off
6	**Input - Video**	Display of input audio source and channel count	» **On** • Off
7	**Headphone Source**	Display of headphone audio source	» **On** • Off
8	**Metering**	Display of audio meters for inputs 1 and 2	» **On** • Off
9	**Ext DC Status**	Display of voltage for external DC input	» **On** • Off
10	**Battery Status**	Display of voltage levels for both onboard Li-ion batteries	» **On** • Off
11	**Time/date**	Display of time of day and date	» **On** • Off
12	**Timecode**	Display of current timecode value	» **On** • Off
12 13	**SSD Status**	Display of time remaining (or offline) status of the SSD	» **On** • Off
13 14	**CF Status**	Display of time remaining (or offline) status of the CF card	» **On** • Off

System

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
1	**Test Signal Generator**		» **Off** • On
2	**Audio Tone Level**	The level (in dBFS) of generated audio tone.	» **-20dBFS** (numeric -40 - 0)
3	**HP Warning Bell Level**	Adjusts the level of the heaphone warning bell sound	» **-20dBFS** (Off to -12dBFS)
4	**Time Zone**	Selects the international timezone	» **(GMT-06:00) Central Time (US)** (All GMT zones)
5	**Daylight Saving**	Toggles daylight saving on or off for the time-of-day clock	» **Off** • On
6	**Time Format**	Selects between 12 or 24 hour format for the time-of-day clock	» **12h** • 24h

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
7	**Date Format**	Selects between MM/DD/YY and DD/MM/YY date format	» **MM/DD/YY** • DD/MM/YY
8	**Set Date/Time**	Set the time and date	
9	**Rec Start/Stop**	Determines what method the PIX recorder uses to automatically start and stop recording.	» **Switch Closure** • Switch Momentary • LANC In • LANC Through • SDI Flag - RED • SDI Flag - Panasonic • SDI Flag - Panasonic (Varicam) • SDI Flag - Canon • SDI Flag - Sony • SDI Flag - Arri • SDI Flag - PIX • Timecode
10	**Rec button File Split**	Whether or not a new file will be created when the REC button is pushed during recording.	• On » **Off**
11	**Playback Mode**	Upon reaching the end of a file during playback, the PIX recorder will return to the Main View (Play Once) or pause on the last frame (Play Once - Pause)	» **Play Once** • Play Once - Pause
12	**Shortcuts**	Displays a dialog that shows all shortcut button combinations. This is not a setting, but a helpful reference.	
13	**Info**	Displays a dialog indicating firmware version and serial number. This is not a setting, but a helpful reference.	
14	**Update Software**	Searches attached drives for a .prg firmware file and begins the firmware update process.	

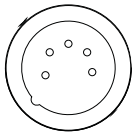
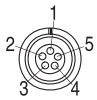
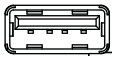
Quick Setup

#	Parameter Name	Description	Options
1	**Load Factory Settings**	Loads default setup	
2	**Load Settings From SSD**	Loads selected setup from setups saved on the SSD	• All settings files located on SSD
3	**Load Settings From CF**	Loads selected setup from setups saved on the CF	• All settings files located on CF
4	**Save Settings to SSD**	Opens dialog to name and save current setup to SSD	
5	**Save Settings to CF**	Opens dialog to name and save current setup to CF	

Button Shortcuts

Button Combination	Effect
AUDIO + Control Knob push	Select headphone audio source.
AUDIO + Control Knob rotate	Adjust headphone gain.
LCD + Control Knob push	Adjust LCD and button brightness.
Hold LCD	Turns off LCD display.
MENU + FILES	Button lock options: Unlock Buttons, Lock Non-Transport Buttons, or Lock All Buttons.
STOP + REW	False take.

Connector Pin Assignments

Connector		Pin Assignments	Notes
XLR-F (Analog inputs)		1–ground 2–signal (+) 3–signal (-)	Mates with XLR-Male connector 7.5k ohm input impedance, mic level 20k ohm input impedance, line level, active-balanced
XLR-F (AES inputs)		1–ground 2–signal (+) 3–signal (-)	Mates with XLR-Male connector Transformer balanced AES3 specification
XLR-M 5-pin (Analog outputs)		1– Ground 2– Channel 1 Positive (+) 3– Channel 1 Negative (-) 4– Channel 2 Positive (+) 5– Channel 2 Negative (-)	Mates with XLR-Female 5-pin connector 120 ohm output impedance, active balanced
3.5mm TRS (Headphone output)		Tip–signal L Ring–signal R Sleeve–signal ground	Mates with 3.5 mm TRS jack.
BNC (Timecode output)		Center pin–signal Sleeve–ground	Mates with BNC male connector Unbalanced, coaxial connection
BNC (SDI input & SDI output)			Mates with BNC male connector Unbalanced, coaxial connection, 75 ohm connectors recommended
BNC (Genlock or Wordclock output)			Mates with BNC male connector Unbalanced, coaxial connection, 75 ohm connectors recommended
5-pin LEMO Timecode I/O		1–ground 2–SMPTE TC In 3–ASCII in/out 4–tuning out 5–SMPTE TC out	Mates with male LEMO B-series connector Pin assignments as viewed on panel-mounted connector
2.5mm TRS LANC		Tip–switch closure Ring-LED driver Shield–ground	Mates with 2.5 mm male connector
2.5mm TRS GPIO			Mates with 2.5 mm male connector
eSATAp Female			Mates with eSATAp male connector Accessible only when PIX-CADDY is not inserted
USB-A Keyboard Input			For use with USB Keyboards only. Data transfer is not supported
Hirose 4-pin DC Input		1 – ground 2 – not connected 3 – not connected 4 – DC (+)	10-17 Volt DC input. Mates with Sound Devices XL-NPH and XL-WPH3 powering accessories. See Accessories for details.

Specifications - PIX Recorders

Video

HDMI Input & Output	Version 1.4a input, Version 1.3a output, HDCP enabled on input
SDI Input & Output	SMPTE 259 and 292
Recording & Output Resolutions / Rates	• 1080p30 • 1080p29.97 • 1080p25 • 1080p24 • 1080p23.976 • 1080i60 • 1080i59.94 • 1080i50 • 1080PsF30 • 1080PsF29.97 • 1080PsF25 • 1080PsF24 • 1080PsF23.976 • 720p60 • 720p59.94 • 720p50 • 720p30 (SDI) • 720p29.97 (SDI) • 720p25 (SDI) • 720p24 (SDI) • 720p23.976 (SDI)
Input Resolutions / Rates	All listed Recording resolutions and rates, plus: • 480i59.94 (NTSC) • 576i50 (PAL)
Up Conversion	480i, 576i to 720p, 1080i, or 1080p, Pillar box, 10 bit
Cross Conversion	720p, 1080i, 1080p, PsF to 720p, 1080i, 1080p, 10 bit
Frame Rate Conversion	• 24,25,30,50,60 to 24,25,30,50,60 • 23.976,29.97,59.94 to 23.976,29.97,59.94 • Automatic 3:2 pulldown removal in 23.976 and 24 modes • Other pulldown cadences used: 2:2:2:4, 2:3:3:2, 3:2:3:2:2, and 2:2
LCD Display	5-inch LCD; 800x480 resolution

Analog Audio

Frequency Response	10Hz-20kHz, +/- 0.5dB re 1kHz
THD + Noise	0.004% max (1kHz, 22Hz-22kHz BW)
Input Topology	Mic and Line: fully electronically balanced, RF, ESD, short, and overload protected; pin-2 hot, pin-3 cold
Mic Input Gain	0 to 70dB
Input Impedance	3.3k
Input Clipping Level	+8dBu min.
Gain Matching	+/- 0.1dB channel to channel
High-pass Filters	40-240Hz in 40Hz increments, 6 or 12 dB/oct
Mic Powering	48V DC in mic or line position
Line Output Clipping Level	+18dBu
Output Attenuation	0-20 dB, 1 dB increments
Output Topology	Line: fully electronically-balanced, RF, ESD, short, and overload protected; pin-2 driven hot, pin-3 driven cold; let pin-3 float for unbalanced connections.

Digital Audio

Sample Rate / Bit Depth	48 kHz, 24-bit
AES3	4 channels via 2 balanced AES inputs on XLR 3-pin connectors, 110 ohm, 2 V p-p. Accepts 32k, 44.1k, 48k, 96k, 192k sample rates.
HDMI	2 channels embedded HDMI input, 8 channels embedded HDMI output. Accepts 32k, 44.1k, 48k, 96k, 192k sample rates.
SDI	8 channels embedded SDI input, 8 channels embedded SDI output, 48k sample rate

Storage

SSD	Sound Devices approved 2.5" drives.	*See Sound Devices' website for a list of approved media: http://www.sounddevices.com/approved*
CompactFlash	Sound Devices approved CompactFlash cards	
External	eSATAp connection, supplies 5V @ 2A	

Timecode and Sync

Modes Supported	Freerun, 24 hour run, Record run, External
Frame Rates	23.976, 24, 25, 29.97DF, 29.97ND, 30DF, 30ND
Accuracy	Holds accurate timecode for 4 hours after power is removed
Timecode Inputs / Outputs	• LEMO 5-pin (input and output) • SDI Input BNC (input) • SDI Output BNC (output) • HDMI Input Jack (Input) • Timecode Input BNC (input or output)
Timecode Input / Output Signal (LEMO 5-pin and Timecode BNC)	20k ohm impedance, 0.3V p-p (–8 dBu) minimum / 1k ohm impedance, 3.0V p-p (+12 dBu)
Sync Output	• Analog bi-, tri-level sync / Genlock • Wordclock (Square wave, 48 kHz sampling rate, 3.3vp-p, 75 ohm)
Ambient® Lockit	+/- 0.2ppm (½ frame per 24hrs) accuracy, field tunable via Ambient® Controller

Power

Batteries	• Operating batteries: removable 7.2 V (nominal) Sony L-type Li-ion • Timecode battery, Internal Li-ion battery • Time and date battery, CR3025 Li coin cell
External	10–18 V, via locking 4-pin Hirose connector, use Hirose #HR10-7P-4P (DigiKey# HR100-ND) for locking mating DC connector; pin-1 (-), pin-4 (+). *See Powering*
PIX 240 Current Draw @ 12V	1A stop mode, 2.4A record/play mode using SSD
PIX 220 Current Draw @ 12V	0.8A stop mode, 1.9A record/play mode using SSD

Physical

Size (H x W x D)	5.5" x 4.0" x 2.4" (14 cm x 10.2 cm x 6.1 cm)
Weight	2.0 lbs

Environmental

Operating Temperature	-10C to +40C

PIX 220 & PIX 240 CE Declaration of Conformity

According to ISO/IEC Guide 22
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declares that the product, PIX 220 and PIX 240 Video Recorder is in conformity with and passes:

Product Family		Application		
EN 55103-1		EMC-Product family standard for audio, visual, audio-visual and lighting control apparatus for professional use - Part 1: Emissions		
EN 55103-2		EMC-Product family standard for audio, visual, audio-visual and lighting control apparatus for professional use – Part 2: Immunity		
Basic Standards (Emissions)		**Port Tested**	**Test Descriptions**	**Results**
CISPR 22 (EN 55022)		Enclosure	Radiated Emissions, Class B	Pass
CISPR 22 (EN 55022)		AC Power Ports	Conducted Emissions, Class B	Pass
IEC 61000-3-2	EN 61000-3-2	AC Power Ports	Harmonic Current Emissions (through Amendment 14 of IEC 61000-4-7)	Pass
IEC 61000-3-3	EN 61000-3-3	AC Power Ports	Voltage Fluctuation and Flicker	Pass
*EN 55103-1 Phenomena 2,3	EN 55103-1	Enclosure	Magnetic Emissions at 1 Meter 50Hz – 50kHz	Pass
Basic Standards (Immunity)		**Port Tested**	**Test Specifications**	**Results**
IEC 61000-4-2	EN 61000-4-2	Enclosure	ESD: ±4kV Contact, ±8kV Air Discharge	Pass
IEC 61000-4-3	EN 61000-4-3	Enclosure	Radiated RF Immunity: 3V/m, 80% AM @ 1kHz, 80-2700 MHz, 1% step	Pass
IEC 61000-4-4	EN 61000-4-4	AC Power Ports DC Power Ports	EFT Burst: ±0.5 kV - ±2kV	Pass
IEC 61000-4-4	EN 61000-4-4	Signal (>3m), Control & Measurement (>3m)	EFT Burst: ±0.5kV	Pass
IEC 61000-4-5	EN 61000-4-5	AC Input Ports	Surge: ±1kV Differential Mode (line to line) ±2kV Common Mode (line to ground)	Pass
IEC 61000-4-5	EN 61000-4-5	Signal (>30m)	Surge: ± 1kV Common Mode	N/A
IEC 61000-4-6	EN 61000-4-6	AC Power Ports DC Power Ports	Conducted RF Immunity: 3 V 80% AM modulation @ 1kHz	Pass
IEC 61000-4-6	EN 61000-4-6	Signal (>3m) (Control & Measurement) (>3m)	Conducted RF Immunity: 3 V, 80% AM modulation @ 1kHz	Pass
*EN 55103-2 Phenomena 3	EN 55103-2	Enclosure	Magnetic Immunity 50Hz – 10 KHz	Pass
IEC 61000-4-11	EN 61000-4-11	AC input ports	Voltage Dips and Short Interruptions: 70%, 40% and 5% nominal for 10ms, 100ms, 1 sec and 5 sec (50Hz)	Pass

CE - CISPR Publication Dates

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EN 55014-1	2006		
EN 55014-2	1997		
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EN 60601-1-2	2007-03		
EN 61000-3-2	2005-11	2008-03	2009-02
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EN 61000-4-2	2008-12		
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ISO 14082	1998-07		
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